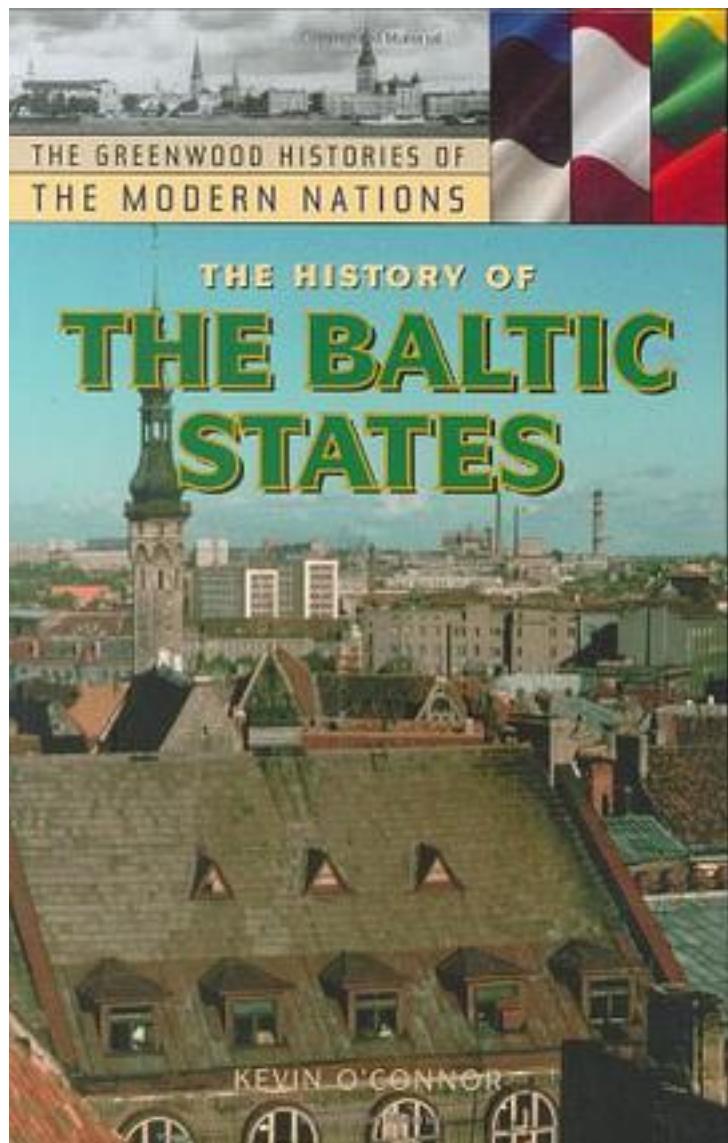


# The History of the Baltic States



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The Baltic states--Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania--are nestled in northeastern Europe, where they lie at a crossroad of European culture. This is the most recent and up-to-date narrative history of the Baltic states, providing readers with an ideal starting point for research on the area. It includes a timeline of major events, biographic sketches of noteworthy historical figures, a glossary, and a bibliographic essay.

Collectively, the Balkan states have been both a transmitter of culture and a victim of larger, more powerful nations' aspirations. Their ethnically and religiously diverse natives continue to struggle with the question of identity, yet the Balts have had relatively peaceful relations with each other for some 600 years. With the fall of the Soviet Union, the Baltic states returned to Europe and seem intent on preserving the spirit of cooperation and solidarity that emerged during their struggle for independence more than a decade ago. This is the most recent and up-to-date narrative history of the Baltic states, providing readers with an ideal starting point for research on the area. It includes a timeline of major events, biographic sketches of noteworthy historical figures, a glossary, and a bibliographic essay. The Baltic states' survival and recovery during the late Soviet and early post-Soviet era is an inspiring and fascinating tale. This concise history takes readers from the ice ages through the Cold War, telling the tale of these small but important countries and their role in the history of Europe.

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## 书评

读到现在算是真正的小国历史了，小到要三个国家的历史合并在一本200页的书中，算是一种悲哀吧，但同时能够因缘际会独立建国，着实是幸运的。  
爱沙尼亚、拉脱维亚与立陶宛三个国家总共面积十多万平方公里，比安徽省大那么一点，人口勉强超过500万（苏联时期最高峰也不到1000万）...

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书中介绍了波罗的海三个国家的历史，实际上，拉脱维亚和爱沙尼亚的民族历程是相似的，和立陶宛的民族发展历程并不一样。书中有句话说的非常好，意识到不公正是民族意识萌发的开始。尤其是一个族群，整体对另一个族群的不公正。波罗的海的德意志人整体压迫爱沙尼亚人和拉脱维亚...

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