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## **Almost a Miracle 2009**

describes the military history of the american revolution and the grim realities of the eight year conflict while offering descriptions of the major engagements on land and sea and the decisions that influenced the course of the war

## **John Adams 2010-02-09**

john ferling has nearly forty years of experience as a historian of early america the author of acclaimed histories such as a leap into the dark and almost a miracle he has appeared on many tv and film documentaries on this pivotal period of our history in john adams a life ferling offers a compelling portrait of one of the giants of the revolutionary era drawing on extensive research ferling depicts a reluctant revolutionary a leader who was deeply troubled by the warfare that he helped to make and a fiercely independent statesman the book brings to life an exciting time an age in which adams played an important political and intellectual role indeed few were more instrumental in making american independence a reality he performed yeoman s service in the continental congress during the revolution and was a key figure in negotiating the treaty that brought peace following the long war of independence he held the highest office in the land and as president he courageously chose to pursue a course that he thought best for the nation though it was fraught with personal political dangers adams emerges here a man full of contradictions he could be petty and jealous but also meditative insightful and provocative in private and with friends he could be engagingly witty he was terribly self centered but in his relationship with his wife and children his shortcomings were tempered by a deep abiding love john ferling s masterful john adams a life is a singular biography of the man who succeeded george washington in the presidency and shepherded the fragile new nation through the most dangerous of times

## **The American Revolution 2014-05-13**

in 1996 congress commissioned the national park service to compile a list of sites and landmarks connected with the american revolution that it deemed vital to preserve for future generations some of these sites are well known bunker hill valley forge fort ticonderoga and in no danger of being lost others less so blackstock s plantation in south carolina or bryan s station in kentucky and more vulnerable but all are central to the story of our nation s fight for independence from

battlefields to encampments meeting houses to museums these places offer us a chance to rediscover the remarkable men and women who founded this nation and to recognize the relevance of not just what they did but where they did it the american revolution a historical guidebook takes readers to nearly 150 of these sites providing an overview of the revolution through an exploration of the places where american independence was articulated fought for and eventually secured beginning with the boston common first occupied by british troops in 1768 and closing with fraunces tavern in new york where george washington bid farewell to his officers on december 4 1783 kennedy takes readers on a tour of the most significant places of revolutionary history accompanied by illuminating excerpts and essays from some of the foremost scholars in the field including david mccullough barbara tuchman david hackett fischer eric foner and john ferling the entries move in a roughly chronological order from the pre revolutionary years up through 1787 taken together the combination of site essay and excerpt provides rich context and overview giving a sense of the major figures and events as well as the course of the revolution and cover topics ranging from the boston tea party to the frontier wars the guide is encyclopedic in scope and covers a wide geographical sweep accompanied by historical maps as well as a number of illuminating primary documents including the declaration of independence and letters from john adams and george washington it offers a comprehensive picture of how the revolutionary war unfolded on american soil and also points readers to the best writing on the subject in the last fifty years the american revolution a historical guidebook is an essential companion for anyone interested in the story and history of our nation s founding

## **The Ascent of George Washington 2010-05-16**

a behind the scenes portrait of the first president reveals his formidable persuasive talents careful display of a virtuous public image and leadership capabilities of particular compatibility with a young america reprint

## ***Adams vs. Jefferson* 2004-09-03**

it was a contest of titans john adams and thomas jefferson two heroes of the revolutionary era once intimate friends now icy antagonists locked in a fierce battle for the future of the united states the election of 1800 was a thunderous clash of a campaign that climaxed in a deadlock in the electoral college and led to a crisis in which the young republic teetered on the edge of collapse adams vs jefferson is the gripping

account of a turning point in american history a dramatic struggle between two parties with profoundly different visions of how the nation should be governed the federalists led by adams were conservatives who favored a strong central government the republicans led by jefferson were more egalitarian and believed that the federalists had betrayed the revolution of 1776 and were backsliding toward monarchy the campaign itself was a barroom brawl every bit as ruthless as any modern contest with mud slinging scare tactics and backstabbing the low point came when alexander hamilton printed a devastating attack on adams the head of his own party in fifty four pages of unremitting vilification the stalemate in the electoral college dragged on through dozens of ballots tensions ran so high that the republicans threatened civil war if the federalists denied jefferson the presidency finally a secret deal that changed a single vote gave jefferson the white house a devastated adams left washington before dawn on inauguration day too embittered even to shake his rival s hand with magisterial command ferling brings to life both the outsize personalities and the hotly contested political questions at stake he shows not just why this moment was a milestone in u s history but how strongly the issues and the passions of 1800 resonate with our own time

## **Jefferson and Hamilton 2013-10-01**

for readers of ron chernow s alexander hamilton the spellbinding history of the epic rivalry that shaped our republic thomas jefferson alexander hamilton and their competing visions for america the decade of the 1790s has been called the age of passion fervor ran high as rival factions battled over the course of the new republic each side convinced that the other s goals would betray the legacy of the revolution so recently fought and so dearly won all understood as well that what was at stake was not a moment s political advantage but the future course of the american experiment in democracy in this epochal debate no two figures loomed larger than thomas jefferson and alexander hamilton both men were visionaries but their visions of what the united states should be were diametrically opposed jefferson a true revolutionary believed passionately in individual liberty and a more egalitarian society with a weak central government and greater powers for the states hamilton a brilliant organizer and tactician feared chaos and social disorder he sought to build a powerful national government that could ensure the young nation s security and drive it toward economic greatness jefferson and hamilton is the story of the fierce struggle both public and ultimately bitterly personal between these two titans it ended only with the death of hamilton in a pistol duel felled by aaron burr jefferson s

vice president their competing legacies like the twin strands of dna continue to shape our country to this day their personalities their passions and their bold dreams for america leap from the page in this epic new work from one of our finest historians from the award winning author of almost a miracle and the ascent of george washington this is the rare work of scholarship that offers us irresistible human drama even as it enriches our understanding of deep themes in our nation s history

## **Remembering John Adams 2023-03-24**

has john adams been forgotten he is the only founding father without a major memorial in the nation s capital when he lamented that monuments will never be erected to me he predicted as much his pessimism was understandable but it was unjustified adams has since been portrayed in numerous biographies plays musicals poems novels and television shows this is the first comprehensive overview of john adams as he appears in scholarship and in popular culture the second president is one dimensional at times and perhaps best known to the public as obnoxious and disliked but he is always fascinating the varied ways in which biographers and artists represented adams provide a glimpse into his character these portrayals also provide insight into the various ways in which people continue to find meaning in the american revolution and its aftermath

## **His Excellency 2004-10-26**

national bestseller to this landmark biography of our first president joseph j ellis brings the exacting scholarship shrewd analysis and lyric prose that have made him one of the premier historians of the revolutionary era training his lens on a figure who sometimes seems as remote as his effigy on mount rushmore ellis assesses george washington as a military and political leader and a man whose statue like solidity concealed volcanic energies and emotions here is the impetuous young officer whose miraculous survival in combat half convinced him that he could not be killed here is the free spending landowner whose debts to english merchants instilled him with a prickly resentment of imperial power we see the general who lost more battles than he won and the reluctant president who tried to float above the partisan feuding of his cabinet his excellency is a magnificent work indispensable to an understanding not only of its subject but also of the nation he brought into being

## Setting the World Ablaze 2002

setting the world ablaze tells the story of the american revolution and of three founders who played crucial roles in winning the war of independence and creating a new nation george washington john adams and thomas jefferson a leading historian of the revolutionary era ferling draws upon an unsurpassed command of the primary sources and a talent for swiftly moving narrative to give us intimate views of each of these men he provides both an overarching historical picture of the era and a gripping sense of how these conservative men successful members of the colonial elite were transformed into radical revolutionaries

## A Leap in the Dark 2003-06-12

it was an age of fascinating leaders and difficult choices of grand ideas eloquently expressed and of epic conflicts bitterly fought now comes a brilliant portrait of the american revolution one that is compelling in its prose fascinating in its details and provocative in its fresh interpretations in a leap in the dark john ferling offers a magisterial new history that surges from the first rumblings of colonial protest to the volcanic election of 1800 ferling s swift moving narrative teems with fascinating details we see benjamin franklin trying to decide if his loyalty was to great britain or to america and we meet george washington when he was a shrewd planter businessman who discovered personal economic advantages to american independence we encounter those who supported the war against great britain in 1776 but opposed independence because it was a leap in the dark following the war we hear talk in the north of secession from the united states the author offers a gripping account of the most dramatic events of our history showing just how closely fought were the struggle for independence the adoption of the constitution and the later battle between federalists and democratic republicans yet without slowing the flow of events he has also produced a landmark study of leadership and ideas here is all the erratic brilliance of hamilton and jefferson battling to shape the new nation and here too is the passion and political shrewdness of revolutionaries such as samuel adams and patrick henry and their loyalist counterparts joseph galloway and thomas hutchinson here as well are activists who are not so well known today men like abraham yates who battled for democratic change and theodore sedgwick who fought to preserve the political and social system of the colonial past ferling shows that throughout this period the epic political battles often resembled today s politics and the politicians the founders played a political hardball attendant with enmities selfish motivations and

bitterness the political stakes this book demonstrates were extraordinary first to secure independence then to determine the meaning of the american revolution john ferling has shown himself to be an insightful historian of our revolution and an unusually skillful writer a leap in the dark is his masterpiece work that provokes enlightens and entertains in full measure

## **Independence 2011-06-15**

no event in american history was more pivotal or more furiously contested than congress s decision to declare independence in july 1776 even months after american blood had been shed at lexington and concord many colonists remained loyal to britain john adams a leader of the revolutionary effort said bringing the fractious colonies together was like getting thirteen clocks to strike at once other books have been written about the declaration but no author has traced the political journey from protest to revolution with the narrative scope and flair of john ferling independence takes readers from the cobblestones of philadelphia into the halls of parliament where many sympathized with the americans and furious debate erupted over how to deal with the rebellion independence is not only the story of how freedom was won but how an empire was lost at this remarkable moment in history high stakes politics was intertwined with a profound debate about democracy governance and justice john ferling drawing on a lifetime of scholarship brings this passionate struggle to life as no other historian could independence will be hailed as the finest work yet from the author michael beschloss calls a national resource

## **Things You Didn't Learn in School 2024-03-22**

things you didn t learn in school aims to give the reader insight and understanding about recessions depressions and panics that have occurred in the history of the united states of america what factors cause economic recessions and depressions how rare are they and should we be scared that there are more to come these are things history teachers and even the news do not tell you this book provides that missing information into the causes effects and characteristics of historic economic events about the author linwood e strayhorn jr is a poet writer and researcher additionally strayhorn is a veteran of the united states army with a background in communications and electronics

## **Recent Themes in Early American History 2008**

described as the new york review of books for history historically speaking has emerged as one of the most distinctive historical publications in recent years actively seeking out contributions from a pantheon of leading voices in historical discourse recent themes in early american history represents the best writing on colonial and revolutionary era american history to appear in its pages the past five years this collection of recent essays and interviews from historically speaking demonstrates that traditional approaches still foster fresh understanding of the early american past and that original contributions to traditional topics continue to be made

## **Apostles of Revolution 2018-05-15**

from acclaimed historian john ferling the story of thomas jefferson thomas paine and james monroe s involvement in the american and french revolutions and their quest for sweeping change in both america and europe thomas jefferson thomas paine and james monroe hazarded all in quest of revolutions as founding fathers they risked their lives and their liberty for american independence and as reformers each rejoiced at the opportunity to be part of the french revolution praying that it in turn would inspire others to sweep away europe s monarchies and titled nobilities for these three men real revolution would lead to substantive political and social alterations and an escape from royal and aristocratic rule but as the eighteenth century unfolded these three separated onto different routes to revolution two became soldiers two became writers and two became statesmen and their united cause but divided means reshaped their country and the western world apostles of revolution spans a crucial time in western civilization the era ranged from the american insurgency against great britain to the declaration of independence from desperate engagements on american battlefields to the bloody terror in france it culminates with the tumultuous election of 1800 the outcome of which according to jefferson saved the american revolution written as a sweeping narrative of a turbulent and pivotal era apostles of the revolution captures the spirit of our founding fathers and the history of america and europe s great turning point

## **The Battles of Kings Mountain and Cowpens 2013**

through government documents autobiographies correspondence this book presents a look at the southern backcountry that engendered its role in the revolutionary war with attention to political social and military

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## ***The Ascent of George Washington 2009-07-01***

perhaps the most revered american of all george washington has long been considered a stoic leader who held himself above the fray of political infighting what has gone unnoticed about the much researched life of washington is that he was in fact a consummate politician as historian john ferling shows in this revealing and provocative new book as leader of the continental army washington s keen political savvy enabled him not only to outwit superior british forces but even more challenging to manage the fractious and intrusive continental congress despite dire setbacks early in the war washington deftly outmaneuvered rival generals and defused dissent from officers below him ending the war with the status of a national icon his carefully burnished reputation allowed washington as president to lead the country under the guise of non partisanship for almost all of his eight years in office washington ferling argues was not only one of america s most adroit politicians he was easily the most successful of all time so successful in fact that he is no longer thought of as having been political

## **Return of the Revolutionaries 2003-04-01**

two hundred and twenty five years ago a political revolution took place in this country which swept power from the english monarchy and gave it to the people of the new world today a spiritual revolution is underway in which spiritual power and responsibility are passing from institution to individuals you ll be shocked to learn that the same people are at the heart of both world changing movements john adams thomas paine samuel adams the justices of the first supreme court and numerous other american revolutionaries have been reincarnated as the political and spiritual leaders of today including george w bush bill clinton al gore marianne williamson shirley maclaine and others semkiw presents ample evidence that physical appearance character traits modes of thinking and expression as well as family and karmic groups often stay the same from lifetime to lifetime he s also included photographs demonstrating the startling physical similarities the individuals of the american revolution share with today s revolutionaries as further support of the basic premise and reality of reincarnation semkiw has included dr ian stevenson s groundbreaking findings of children who report past lives as well as other case studies of individuals who have researched and written on their own past lives discusses new research into using dna to prove reincarnation find out how physical appearance character traits

synchronistic events karmic groups and spiritual guidance can be used to detect one's past lives includes numerous black white photographs dramatically illustrating the similar physical appearance of revolutionaries past and present

## **Whirlwind 2015-05-05**

amid a great collection of scholarship and narrative history on the revolutionary war and the american struggle for independence there is a gaping hole one that john ferling's latest book whirlwind will fill books chronicling the revolution have largely ranged from multivolume tomes that appeal to scholars and the most serious general readers to microhistories that necessarily gloss over swaths of independence era history with only cursory treatment written in ferling's engaging and narrative driven style that made books like independence and the ascent of george washington critical and commercial successes whirlwind is a fast paced and scrupulously told one volume history of this epochal time balancing social and political concerns of the period and perspectives of the average american revolutionary with a careful examination of the war itself ferling has crafted the ideal book for armchair military history buffs a book about the causes of the american revolution the war that won it and the meaning of the revolution overall combining careful scholarship arresting detail and illustrative storytelling whirlwind is a unique and compelling addition to any collection of books on the american revolution

## **The Glorious Cause 2007-03-09**

the first book to appear in the illustrious oxford history of the united states this critically acclaimed volume a finalist for the pulitzer prize offers an unsurpassed history of the revolutionary war and the birth of the american republic beginning with the french and indian war and continuing to the election of george washington as first president robert middlekauff offers a panoramic history of the conflict between england and america highlighting the drama and anguish of the colonial struggle for independence combining the political and the personal he provides a compelling account of the key events that precipitated the war from the stamp act to the tea act tracing the gradual gathering of american resistance that culminated in the boston tea party and the shot heard round the world the heart of the book features a vivid description of the eight year long war with gripping accounts of battles and campaigns ranging from bunker hill and washington's crossing of the delaware to the brilliant victory at hannah's cowpens and the final

triumph at yorktown paying particular attention to what made men fight in these bloody encounters the book concludes with an insightful look at the making of the constitution in the philadelphia convention of 1787 and the struggle over ratification through it all middlekauff gives the reader a vivid sense of how the colonists saw these events and the importance they gave to them common soldiers and great generals sons of liberty and african slaves town committee men and representatives in congress all receive their due and there are particularly insightful portraits of such figures as sam and john adams james otis thomas jefferson george washington and many others this new edition has been revised and expanded with fresh coverage of topics such as mob reactions to british measures before the war military medicine women s role in the revolution american indians the different kinds of war fought by the americans and the british and the ratification of the constitution the book also has a new epilogue and an updated bibliography the cause for which the colonists fought liberty and independence was glorious indeed here is an equally glorious narrative of an event that changed the world capturing the profound and passionate struggle to found a free nation the oxford history of the united states the oxford history of the united states is the most respected multi volume history of our nation the series includes three pulitzer prize winners a new york times bestseller and winners of the bancroft and parkman prizes the atlantic monthly has praised it as the most distinguished series in american historical scholarship a series that synthesizes a generation s worth of historical inquiry and knowledge into one literally state of the art book conceived under the general editorship of c vann woodward and richard hofstadter and now under the editorship of david m kennedy this renowned series blends social political economic cultural diplomatic and military history into coherent and vividly written narrative

## **The First of Men 2010-02-04**

written by john ferling one of america s leading historians of the revolutionary era the first of men offers an illuminating portrait of george washington s life with emphasis on his military and political career here is a riveting account that captures washington in all his complexity recounting not only washington s familiar sterling qualities courage industry ability to make difficult decisions ceaseless striving for self improvement love of his family and loyalty to friends but also his less well known character flaws indeed as ferling shows washington had to overcome many negative traits as he matured into a leader the young washington was accused of ingratitude and certain of his letters from this period read as if they were written by a pompous martinet and

a whining petulant brat as commander in chief of the continental army he lost his temper more than once and indulged flatterers aaron burr found him a boring colorless person as president he often believed the worst about individual officials ferling concludes that washington s personality and temperament were those of a self centered and self absorbed man one who since youth had exhibited a fragile self esteem and yet he managed to realize virtually every grand design he ever conceived ferling s washington is driven fired by ambition envy and dreams of fame and fortune yet his leadership and character galvanized the american revolution probably no one else could have kept the war going until the master stroke at yorktown and helped the fledgling nation take and survive its first unsteady steps this superb paperback makes available once again an unflinchingly honest and compelling biography of the father of our country

## **Atlas of Slavery and Civil Rights 2006**

slavery came to north america via virginia in the early 1600s it would be two hundred and sixty five years before the practice would finally come to an end it would take another one hundred years before the basic civil rights of those former slaves and their descendants were fully established in law during that time and thereafter it would be a matter of attitude and acceptance by the white race of the years there were a number of pivotal events that shaped the issues and the responses to slavery and civil rights the atlas presents a number of these events in an attempt to tell part of the history of the march for equality in america it also includes brief biographical sketches of the lives of many of the leading figures that led the fight this work deals with black americans or blacks a term that has become synonymous with the negro race itself their struggle out of slavery and their quest for acceptance and equal rights under the law the effects of slavery were all pervasive without an understanding of and an appreciation for slavery segregation and the struggle for equal rights it is difficult if not impossible to understand the america of our history and to reach beyond where we are today to arrive at where we need to be

## **The City-State of Boston 2019-04-23**

a groundbreaking history of early america that shows how boston built and sustained an independent city state in new england before being folded into the united states in the vaunted annals of america s founding boston has long been held up as an exemplary city upon a hill and the cradle of liberty for an independent united states wresting this

iconic urban center from these misleading tired clichés the city state of boston highlights boston's overlooked past as an autonomous city state and in doing so offers a pathbreaking and brilliant new history of early america following boston's development over three centuries mark peterson discusses how this self governing atlantic trading center began as a refuge from britain's stuart monarchs and how through its bargain with the slave trade and ratification of the constitution it would tragically lose integrity and autonomy as it became incorporated into the greater united states drawing from vast archives and featuring unfamiliar figures alongside well known ones such as john winthrop cotton mather and john adams peterson explores boston's origins in sixteenth century utopian ideals its founding and expansion into the hinterland of new england and the growth of its distinctive political economy with ties to the west indies and southern europe by the 1700s boston was at full strength with wide atlantic trading circuits and cultural ties both within and beyond britain's empire after the cataclysmic revolutionary war bostoners aimed to negotiate a relationship with the american confederation but through the next century the new united states unraveled boston's regional reign the fateful decision to ratify the constitution undercut its power as southern planters and slave owners dominated national politics and corroded the city state's vision of a common good for all peeling away the layers of myth surrounding a revered city the city state of boston offers a startlingly fresh understanding of america's history

## **So Help Me God 2008-09-08**

the author of the american creed tells the story of our nation's historical encounters with god and culture peter j gomes new york times bestselling author today's dispute over the line between church and state or the lack thereof is neither the first nor the fiercest in our history in a revelatory look at our nation's birth forrest church recreates our first great culture war a tumultuous nearly forgotten conflict that raged from george washington's presidency to james monroe's religion was the most divisive issue in the nation's early presidential elections battles raged over numerous issues while the bible and the declaration of independence competed for american affections the religious political wars reached a vicious peak during the war of 1812 the american victory drove new england's christian right to withdraw from electoral politics thereby shaping our modern sense of church state separation no longer entangled both church and state flourished forrest church has written a rich page turning history a new vision of our earliest presidents beliefs that stands as a reminder and

a warning for america today an illuminating study of the great tangle of our time if we look back to our early years we may well find a way forward jon meacham 1 new york times bestselling author of his truth is marching on in this beautifully crafted and timely work the aptly named church takes us through the complex thoughts and actions of the nation s founders in a way that will give pause to most readers this is an important work that delights and informs publishers weekly starred review

## **Rustic Warriors 2011-11**

steven eames has crafted an insightful and much needed examination of colonial warfare on the northern frontier his analysis of the effectiveness of the new england militia provides a long overdue corrective to stereotypes of their incompetence emerson w baker author of the devil of great island witchcraft and conflict in early new england

## **The Story of America 2013-10-27**

a new yorker staff writer examines the origins of dozens of writings speeches and other printed pieces from american history from paper ballots and i o u s to the constitution and thomas paine s common sense to edgar allan poe s the raven to barack obama s 2009 inaugural address

## ***Interpreting the Founding 2006***

as politicians and judges argue over the original intent of our country s founding fathers the american founding itself continues to inspire a prodigious amount of research and commentary reflecting a bewildering array of methods and interpretations alan gibson now offers readers an insightful and convenient guide through this daunting and sprawling body of scholarship comprehensive and judicious interpreting the founding provides summaries and analyses of the leading interpretive frameworks that have guided the study of the founding since the publication of charles beard s an economic interpretation of the constitution in 1913 gibson argues that scholarship on the founding is no longer steered by a single dominant approach or even by a set of questions that control its direction he also examines the challenges posed to founding scholarship by this diversity and complexity and the possibilities opened by new avenues of inquiry that have recently emerged scholars of the founding including louis hartz bernard bailyn gordon wood and garry wills that best exemplify different schools of interpretation gibson focuses on six

approaches that have dominated the modern study of the founding progressive lockean liberal republican scottish enlightenment multicultural and multiple traditions approaches for each approach he traces its fundamental assumptions revealing deeper ideological and methodological differences between schools of thought that on the surface seem to differ only about the interpretation of historical facts while previous accounts have treated the study of the founding as the sequential replacement of one paradigm by another gibson argues that all of these interpretations survive as alternative and still viable approaches each has simultaneously illuminated and masked core truths about the american founding he renders a balanced account of the current debate over the origins and foundations of the american republic and offers solid footing on the path to understanding the vast literature devoted to this important subject

## ***The Raising of a President 2005-03-15***

god bless my mother all i am or ever hope to be i owe to her abraham lincoln what are the family circumstances that have created our presidents how did their upbringing shape their future and ours new york times bestselling author doug wead answers these questions in one of the most comprehensive studies of presidential families to date when one thinks about the leadership qualities of george washington and theodore roosevelt or the intellectual prowess of john adams and abraham lincoln it is hard to imagine them as children it is even more difficult to envision the parents of our leaders especially the larger than life idols of our political past our greatest presidents have entered the oval office armed with overwhelming ambition intellect and political savvy but were these characteristics evident in childhood the raising of a president is a groundbreaking look at the parents of the american presidents full of never before seen facts and anecdotes as well as psychological profiles based on wead's findings he analyzes the types of families into which our presidents were born and sheds a fascinating light on how their destinies were shaped during childhood using countless presidential correspondences and letters as well as notes from hours of his own private conversations and interviews with six presidents and first ladies wead focuses specifically on the early life of our first president george washington john adams john quincy adams and the making of our nation's first political empire the humble beginnings of our greatest president abraham lincoln the privileged upbringing of franklin delano roosevelt the ambitious rise of john fitzgerald kennedy and the quiet dynasty led by george h w bush and his son george w bush throughout the raising of a president readers will

find that the circumstances and events that would destroy most children were often the very things that sparked greatness in our nation's future leaders these are the stories of the presidents' parents but in a truer sense they are the stories of the presidents themselves from a perspective that is long overdue

## **Origins of Legislative Sovereignty and the Legislative State 2004-07-30**

this first book of the sixth volume centers on the revolutionary and constitutional eras in early American history while also carrying the story ahead into the early 19th century how did the American founders adapt and utilize European thought in their political and legal ideas on sovereignty state and legislation because of the seismic impact of European thought and classical traditions on America's foremost founders it should come as no surprise that some of the most basic documents in the emergent new republic were significantly influenced by European writings subsequent studies will take up the same basic themes in American thought and events from the mid 19th century to the present period the common denominator of legislation is seen to underlie their concepts of sovereignty and the state across a diverse range of isms such as utilitarianism positivism idealism socialism and nationalism in the 19th century and in related neo and anti neo forms in the 20th century the organization and classification of these and other issues is on the whole novel and comprehensive as various reviewers have indicated nothing of this magnitude on the subjects at hand has ever before been attempted

## ***The Winchester Pipe Rolls and Medieval English Society 2003***

the accounts of one of the great estates of medieval England from 1209 a remarkable survival they supply detailed evidence on a range of issues the Winchester Pipe Rolls the estate accounts of the bishops of Winchester constitute one of the most remarkable documentary survivals from medieval England and are without parallel anywhere in the world supplying detailed evidence for agriculture prices wages the land market and peasant society in an exceptionally well preserved sequence from 1209 onwards they have attracted the attention of historians of medieval economy and society for over a century first in deposit in the public record office more recently in Hampshire Record Office the essays collected here celebrate their survival and demonstrate their quality



putting them into perspective as a documentary source and assessing how far their evidence is representative of england as a whole the volume also demonstrates some of the new ways in which they are being put to use to enhance knowledge of medieval england with a number of the articles concerned with recent research projects the book is completed with a handlist of these records up to 1455 the year in which the bishopric administration started to keep its accounts in registers rather than rolls contributors richard h britnell bruce m s campbell john langdon john mullan mark page k j stocks christopher thornton nicholas c vincent the late richard britnell was professor of history at the university of durham

## **War of Two 2015-10-20**

a provocative and penetrating investigation into the rivalry between alexander hamilton and aaron burr whose infamous duel left the founding father dead and turned a sitting vice president into a fugitive in the summer of 1804 two of america s most eminent statesmen squared off pistols raised on a bluff along the hudson river why would two such men risk not only their lives but the stability of the young country they helped forge in war of two john sedgwick explores the long standing conflict between founding father alexander hamilton and vice president aaron burr matching each other s ambition and skill as lawyers in new york they later battled for power along political fault lines that would decide and define the future of the united states a series of letters between burr and hamilton suggests the duel was fought over an unflattering comment made at a dinner party but another letter written by hamilton the night before the event provides critical insight into his true motivation it was addressed to former speaker of the house theodore sedgwick a trusted friend of both men and the author s own ancestor john sedgwick suggests that hamilton saw burr not merely as a personal rival but as a threat to the nation it was a fear that would prove justified after hamilton s death includes color images and illustrations

## **Life After Power 2024-02-13**

new york times bestseller new york times bestselling author of accidental presidents explores what happens after the most powerful job in the world president of the united states former presidents have an unusual place in american life king george iii believed that george washington s departure after two terms made him the greatest character of the age but alexander hamilton worried former presidents might wander

among the people like ghosts they were both right life after power tells the stories of seven former presidents from the founding to today each changed history each offered lessons about how to decide what to do in the next chapter of life thomas jefferson was the first former president to accomplish great things after the white house shaping public debates and founding the university of virginia an accomplishment he included on his tombstone unlike his presidency john quincy adams served in congress and became a leading abolitionist passing the torch to abraham lincoln grover cleveland was the only president in american history to serve a nonconsecutive term william howard taft became chief justice of the supreme court herbert hoover shaped the modern conservative movement led relief efforts after world war ii reorganized the executive branch and reconciled john f kennedy and richard nixon jimmy carter had the longest post presidency in american history advancing humanitarian causes human rights and peace george w bush made a clean break from politics bringing back george washington s precedent and reminding the public that the institution of the presidency is bigger than any person jared cohen explores the untold stories in the final chapters of these presidents lives offering a gripping and illuminating account of how they went from president of the united states one day to ordinary citizens the next he tells how they handled very human problems of ego finances and questions about their legacy and mortality he shows how these men made history after they left the white house

## **Presidents and Their Generals 2014-11-05**

a military historian traces the long struggle of american presidents to assert their power over uncooperative generals since world war ii the united states has been engaged in near constant military conflict abroad often with ill defined objectives ineffectual strategy and uncertain benefits in this era of limited congressional oversight and wars of choice the executive and the armed services have shared the primary responsibility for making war the negotiations between presidents and their generals thus grow ever more significant and understanding them becomes essential matthew moten traces a sweeping history of the evolving roles of civilian and military leaders in conducting war demonstrating how war strategy and national security policy shifted as political and military institutions developed and how they were shaped by leaders personalities early presidents established the principle of military subordination to civil government and from the civil war to world war ii the president s role as commander in chief solidified with an increasingly professionalized military offering its counsel but general douglas macarthur s insubordination to president harry truman

during the korean war put political military tensions on public view subsequent presidents selected generals who would ally themselves with administration priorities military commanders in vietnam iraq and afghanistan did just that and the results were poorly conceived policy and badly executed strategy the most effective historical collaborations between presidents and their generals were built on mutual respect for military expertise and civilian authority and a willingness to negotiate with candor and competence upon these foundations future soldiers and statesmen can ensure effective decision making in the event of war and bring us closer to the possibility of peace praise for presidents and their generals this highly readable book impressive in scope is a major contribution to understanding the important yet often shifting dynamics of civil military relations in the u s past present and future w a taylor choice the author s opinions are precise and witty and based on comprehensive knowledge of his subject as he clearly demonstrates how wars are lost by the arrogant and or incompetent a brilliant fascinating picture of how wars badly begun and poorly run can affect an entire country usually at the hands of just a few men kirkus reviews starred review

## **Historical Dictionary of the American Revolution 2019-02-08**

the american revolution pitted 13 loosely united colonies in a military political and economic struggle against great britain the mother country and arguably the most powerful state in the world during the late 18th century the independent spirit that led many individuals to leave homes in europe and settle in the new world during the 17th and 18th centuries evolved into the drive that persuaded these same settlers and their descendants to challenge the colonial economic and taxation policies of great britain which lead to the armed conflict that resulted in a declaration of independence this third edition of historical dictionary of the american revolution contains a chronology an introduction appendixes and an extensive bibliography the dictionary section has over 1 000 cross referenced entries on the politics battles weaponry and major personalities of the war this book is an excellent resource for students researchers and anyone wanting to know more about the american revolution

## **The First Presidential Contest 2016-12-04**

this is the first study in half a century to focus on the election of 1796 at first glance the first presidential contest looks unfamiliar  
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parties were frowned upon there was no national vote and the candidates did not even participate the political mores of the day forbade it yet for all that jeffrey l pasley contends the election of 1796 was absolutely seminal setting the stage for all of american politics to follow challenging much of the conventional understanding of this election pasley argues that federalist and democratic republican were deeply meaningful categories for politicians and citizens of the 1790s even if the names could be inconsistent and the institutional presence lacking he treats the 1796 election as a rough draft of the democratic presidential campaigns that came later rather than as the personal squabble depicted by other historians it set the geographic pattern of new england competing with the south at the two extremes of american politics and it established the basic ideological dynamic of a liberal rights spreading american left arrayed against a conservative society protecting right each with its own competing model of leadership rather than the inner thoughts and personal lives of the founders covered in so many other volumes pasley focuses on images of adams and jefferson created by supporters and detractors through the press capturing the way that ordinary citizens in 1796 would have actually experienced candidates they never heard speak newspaper editors minor officials now forgotten congressman and individual elector candidates all take a leading role in the story to show how politics of the day actually worked pasley s cogent study rescues the election of 1796 from the shadow of 1800 and invites us to rethink how we view that campaign and the origins of american politics

## **American Studies 1990-05-25**

this volume supplements the acclaimed three volume set published in 1986 and consists of an annotated listing of american studies monographs published between 1984 and 1988 there are more than 6 000 descriptive entries in a wide range of categories anthropology and folklore art and architecture history literature music political science popular culture psychology religion science and technology and sociology

## **America's First Dynasty 2002-04-24**

they were america s longest lasting dynasty the closest thing to a royal family our nation has ever known the adamses played a leading role in america s affairs for nearly two centuries from john the self taught lawyer who rose to the highest office in the government he helped to create to john quincy the child prodigy who followed his father to the white house and fought slavery in congress to charles francis the civil

war diplomat to henry the brilliant scholar and journalist indeed the history of the adams family can be read as the history of america itself for when the adamses looked at their past they saw the nation s writes author richard brookhiser when they looked at the nation s past they saw themselves america s first dynasty charts the family s travels through american history along with an impressive cast of characters among them george washington thomas jefferson ulysses s grant and theodore roosevelt brookhiser also details the darker side of the adams experience from the specters of alcoholism and suicide to the crushing burden of performance passed on from father to son yet by putting a human face on this legendary family brookhiser succeeds in creating an impassioned heroic family portrait that the american public is not likely to forget

## ***Unnatural Rebellion 2011-05-29***

thousands of british american mainland colonists rejected the war for american independence shunning rebel violence as unnecessary unlawful and unnatural they emphasized the natural ties of blood kinship language and religion that united the colonies to britain they hoped that british military strength would crush the minority rebellion and free the colonies to renegotiate their return to the empire of course the loyalists were too american to be of one mind this is a story of how a cross section of colonists flocked to the british headquarters of new york city to support their ideal of reunion despised by the rebels as enemies or as british appendages new york s refugees hoped to partner with the british to restore peaceful government in the colonies the british confounded their expectations by instituting martial law in the city and marginalizing loyalist leaders still the loyal americans did not surrender their vision but creatively adapted their rhetoric and accommodated military governance to protect their long standing bond with the mother country they never imagined that allegiance to britain would mean a permanent exile from their homes

## ***The Founding Fathers and the Politics of Character 2021-07-13***

the american revolution swept away old certainties and forced revolutionaries to consider what it meant to be american andrew trees examines four attempts to answer the question of national identity that americans faced in the wake of the revolution through the writings of thomas jefferson john adams alexander hamilton and james madison trees explores a complicated political world in which boundaries between the

personal and the political were fluid and ill defined melding history and literary study he shows how this unsettled landscape challenged and sometimes confounded the founders attempts to forge their own and the nation s identity trees traces the intimately linked shaping of self and country by four men distrustful of politics and yet operating in an increasingly democratic world jefferson sought to recast the political along the lines of friendship while hamilton hoped that honor would provide a secure foundation for self and country adams struggled to create a nation virtuous enough to sustain a republican government and madison worked to establish a government based on justice giving a new context to the founders mission trees studies their contributions not simply as policy prescriptions but in terms of a more elusive and symbolic level of action his work illuminates the tangled relationship among rhetoric politics self and nation as well as the larger question of national identity that remains with us today

## **George Washington and Slavery 1997**

because general washington the universally acknowledged hero of the revolutionary war in the postwar period uniquely combined the moral authority personal prestige and political power to influence significantly the course and the outcome of the slavery debate his opinions on the subject of slaves and slavery are of crucial importance to understanding how racism succeeded in becoming an integral and official part of the national fabric during its formative stages

## **The Deadlocked Election of 1800 2010-09-23**

it was one of the most critical elections of american history overshadowed only by the one that plunged the country into civil war the deadlocked election of 1800 has earned considerable attention and debate from historians now james roger sharp reveals that modern observers didn t necessarily get it right only a decade old the constitution gave the federal government more powers than had the articles of confederation causing many citizens to fear the erosion of states rights meanwhile war between france and great britain exacerbated the schism between republicans and federalists each faction taking sides and questioning the other s loyalty with thomas jefferson challenging incumbent john adams for the presidency a tied electoral college vote threw the election into the house of representatives amid rumors of violence civil war and secession richer in contemporary detail and context than previous studies sharp s book offers modern readers a better understanding of exactly what was at stake some say that this election

was a mighty democratic uprising sharp argues that such interpretations are misleading others contend that eighteenth century politics were no different than ours today sharp reveals just how distinctive they actually were avoiding the common mistake of imposing modern concepts onto the past he instead puts himself in the place of citizens from 1800 to see events through their eyes from that perspective sharp argues that americans envisioned many possible outcomes to the crisis and that a peaceful solution was far from inevitable sharp offers a vivid account of protagonists and events he tells how military conflict became a real possibility during the deadlock and explains what jefferson meant when he characterized his election as the revolution of 1800 he unravels the nature of political polarization and its relationship to the development of parties and throughout he emphasizes that the participants themselves greatly feared what the future would bring engagingly written and uncommonly insightful sharp s chronicle reveals the complex interplay between the main actors and the historical context in which they operated his book sheds new light on this crucial contest and shows like no other work that the success of the fragile new government under the constitution was tentative at best

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