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revisits the spectacular career of george washington at once our most familiar and enigmatic president challenging the modern perceptions of washington as either a political figurehead of little actual importance or a folk legend rather than a real man brookhiser traces the president s amazing accomplishments as a statesman soldier and founder of a great nation in a quarter century of activity that remains unmatched by any modern leader brookhiser goes on to examine washington s education ideals and intellectual curiosity illuminating how washington s character and values shaped the beginnings of american politics page 4 of cover

biographers journalists and satirists have long used the subject of sex to define the masculine character and political authority of america s founding fathers tracing these commentaries on the revolutionary era s major political figures in sex and the founding fathers thomas foster shows how continual attempts to reveal the true character of these men instead exposes much more about americans and american culture than about the founders themselves sex and the founding fathers examines the remarkable and varied assessments of the intimate lives of george washington

thomas jefferson john adams benjamin franklin alexander hamilton and gouverneur morris from their own time to ours interpretations can change radically consider how jefferson has been variously idealized as a chaste widower condemned as a child molester and recently celebrated as a multicultural hero foster considers the public and private images of these generally romanticized leaders to show how each generation uses them to reshape and reinforce american civic and national identity

explores the family life of the founding fathers providing intimate portraits of the households of such revolutionaries as george mason patrick henry george washington thomas jefferson and james madison

popular historian and former white house speechwriter jonathan horn provides a captivating and enlightening look at george washington s post presidential life and the politically divided country that was part of his legacy new york journal of books beginning where most biographies of george washington leave off washington s end opens with the first president exiting office after eight years and entering what would become the most bewildering stage of his life embittered by partisan criticism and eager to return to his farm washington assumed a role for which there was no precedent at a time when the kings across the ocean yielded their crowns only upon losing their heads in a different sense washington would lose his head too in this riveting read bestselling author jonathan horn reveals that the quest to surrender power proved more difficult than washington imagined and brought his life to an end he never expected the statesman who had staked his legacy on withdrawing from public life would feud with his successors and find himself drawn back into military command the patriarch who had dedicated his life to uniting his country would leave his name to a new capital city destined to become synonymous with political divisions a movable feast of a book jay winik new york times bestselling author of 1944 immaculately researched and powerfully told through the eyes not only of washington but also of his family members friends and foes washington s end is an outstanding biographical work on one of america s most prominent leaders library journal

the celebrated ron chernow provides a richly nuanced portrait of the father of america with a breadth and depth matched by no other one volume life he carries the reader through washington s troubled boyhood his precocious feats in the french and indian wars his creation of mount vernon his heroic exploits with the continental army his presiding over the constitutional convention and his magnificent performance as america s first president despite the reverence his name inspires washington remains a waxwork to many readers worthy but dull a laconic man of remarkable self control but in this groundbreaking work chernow revises forever the uninspiring stereotype he portrays washington as a strapping celebrated horseman elegant dancer and tireless hunter who guarded his emotional life with intriguing ferocity not only did washington gather around himself the foremost figures of the age including james madison alexander hamilton john adams and thomas jefferson he orchestrated their actions to help realise his vision for the new federal government define the separation of powers and establish the office of the presidency ron chernow takes us on a page turning journey through all the formative events of america s founding this is a magisterial work from one of america s foremost writers and historians

the dramatic story of george washington s first crisis of the fledgling republic in the war s waning days the american revolution neared collapsed

when washington's senior officers were rumored to be on the edge of mutiny after the british surrender at yorktown the american revolution blazed on and as peace was negotiated in europe grave problems surfaced at home the government was broke and paid its debts with loans from france political rivalry among the states paralyzed congress the army's officers encamped near newburgh new york and restless without an enemy to fight brooded over a civilian population indifferent to their sacrifices the result was the so called newburgh conspiracy a mysterious event in which continental army officers disgruntled by a lack of pay and pensions may have collaborated with nationalist minded politicians such as alexander hamilton james madison and robert morris to pressure congress and the states to approve new taxes and strengthen the central government a crisis of peace tells the story of a pivotal episode of george washington's leadership and reveals how the american revolution really ended with fiscal turmoil out of control conspiracy thinking and suspicions between soldiers and civilians so strong that peace almost failed to bring true independence

being considerably different from other regions of the country most notably regarding its fervent practice of slavery the land south of the mason dixon line because of slavery enjoyed an exceptional prominence in politics and after the invention of the cotton gin a high degree of prosperity however also because of slavery it was alienated from the rest of the nation attempted to secede from the union and was forced back in only after it lost the civil war numerous cross referenced entries on prominent individuals including thomas jefferson andrew jackson henry clay john c calhoun robert e lee and abraham lincoln as well as others on policies of the time that have since slipped into oblivion are all covered in this book economic social and religious backgrounds trace the seemingly inevitable path to secession war and defeat this reference also includes an introductory essay a chronology and a bibliography of the epoch

the south played a prominent role in early american history and its position was certainly strong and proud except for the peculiar institution of slavery thus it drew away from the rest of an expanding nation and in 1861 declared secession and developed a confederacy that ultimately lost the war indeed for some time it was occupied thus the south has a very mixed legacy with good and bad aspects and sometimes the two of them mixed which only enhances the need for a careful and balanced approach this can be found in the historical dictionary of the old south which first traces its history from colonial times to the end of the civil war in a substantial chronology particularly interesting is the introduction which analyzes the rise and the fall the good and the bad as well as the middling and indifferent over nigh on two centuries the details are filled in very amply in over 600 dictionary entries on the politics economy society and culture of the old south an ample bibliography directs students and researchers toward other sources of information

anger now dominates american politics it wasn't always so happy days are here again was fdr's campaign song in 1932 by contrast candidate kamala harris's 2020 campaign song was mary j blige's work that let em get mad they gonna hate anyway both the left and right now summon anger as the main way to motivate their supporters post election both sides became even more indignant the left accuses the right of insurrection the right accuses the left of fraud this is a book about how we got here about how america changed from a nation that could be roused to anger but preferred self control to a nation permanently dialed to eleven peter w wood an anthropologist has rewritten his 2007 book a bee in the mouth

anger in america which predicted the new era of political wrath in his new book he explains how american culture beginning in the 1950s made a performance art out of anger how and why we brought anger into our music movies and personal lives and how having step by step relinquished our old inhibitions on feeling and expressing anger we turned anger into a way of wielding political power but the angri culture as he calls it doesn't promise happy days again it promises revenge and a crisis that could destroy our republic

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when people make bad decisions odd remarks and just plain silly mistakes the results are sure to haunt them but when these things happen to the president of the united states they can change the course of history in this clever portrait of the american presidency jim cullen takes ten presidents down from their pedestals by examining key missteps in their careers and how they transcended them examples include abraham lincoln smearing a preacher and rediscovering his religious vision in emancipating slaves lyndon johnson s electoral fraud in his 1948 senate race and his role in the signing of the voting rights act and ronald reagan s subversion of the constitution in the iran contra affair and affirmation of world peace in helping bring about the end of the cold war targeting republicans and democrats alike cullen s insights are surprisingly timely and hugely entertaining

praise for the first edition an altogether excellent introduction to the study of the presidency of the united states library journal entries are well written an excellent addition american reference books annual an excellent resource recommended booklist highly recommended choice the most up to date reference of its kind encyclopedia of the american presidency fourth edition is the definitive guide to the role of the president from the american revolution through the present day offering a complete account of the presidency in u s history this a to z encyclopedia will make a great first stop for students and general readers looking for information on the executive branch of the american government its comprehensive scope spans the relationship between the executive and the other branches of government court cases elections political opponents scandals and more a valuable resource that provides concise information encyclopedia of the american presidency fourth edition contains more than 750 entries entries include bully pulpit commander in chief economic policy executive privilege kamala harris impeachment iraq war thomas jefferson middle east military tribunals new deal oval office franklin d roosevelt situation room donald trump veto power war powers watergate white house and more

introduces the life of explorer christopher columbus the first man known to cross the atlantic ocean and discusses what he found when he reached the islands now known as the west indies

this book traces the life of the wife of first president george washington from her childhood in virginia to her marriage to daniel parke custis and her years as a wealthy widow through her marriage to washington it highlights her role in supporting washington through the years of the american revolution showing how she set standards to be followed by future first ladies throughout american history

revised and updated this long awaited second edition provides a comprehensive introduction to what the most thoughtful americans have said about the american experience from the colonial period to the present the book examines the political thought of the most important american statesmen activists and writers across era and ideologies helping another generation of students scholars and citizens to understand more fully the meaning of america this new second edition of the book includes new essays on walt whitman lyndon baines johnson ronald reagan and barack obama significant revisions and additions have also been made to many of the original essays increasing the breadth and depth of the collection

in this book david baily harned makes a persuasive case for the significance of patience as an essential ingredient of the moral life in a bold and invigorating manner the author addresses contemporary existence the lives of individuals families communities and nations and demonstrates how

the christian vision informs our efforts to live in a chaotic and violent world as faithful hopeful loving children of god this essay in theological ethics is rooted in classic texts the old and new testaments as well as the writings of augustine gregory i thomas aquinas thomas a kempis john calvin soeren kierkegaard and w h vanstone in graceful prose and through careful analysis david harned both inspires and instructs this new edition also includes an afterword by one of his former students who explores the value of this study by applying its insights to the life and leadership of george washington

this book focuses on the political thought of american statesmen these statesmen have had consistent and comprehensive views of the good of the country and their actions have been informed by those views the editors argue that political life in america has been punctuated by three great crises in its history the crisis of the founding the crisis of the house divided and the crisis of the great depression the second world war was a crisis not just for america but for the whole of western civilization and in the wake of that war a new crisis arose which came to be called the cold war just when that gave the appearance of being resolved the world reached a new juncture a new crisis which samuel p huntington dubbed the clash of civilizations the statesmen having political responsibility in confronting the first three crises in america s history came as close to philosophic grasp of the problems of liberal democracy as one could demand from those embroiled in the active resolution of events their reflection of political philosophy in the full sense informed their actions since we cannot confidently explain the future aristotle warned us to call no man happy while he still lives thus the book in its third edition keeps to its settled pattern of dealing with settled matters the preface to the third edition confronts the three later crises and to the extent consistent with truth attempts to relate them to the first three

new york times bestseller turn washington s spies now an original series on amc based on remarkable new research acclaimed historian alexander rose brings to life the true story of the spy ring that helped america win the revolutionary war for the first time rose takes us beyond the battlefield and deep into the shadowy underworld of double agents and triple crosses covert operations and code breaking and unmask the courageous flawed men who inhabited this wilderness of mirrors including the spymaster at the heart of it all in the summer of 1778 with the war poised to turn in his favor general george washington desperately needed to know where the british would strike next to that end he unleashed his secret weapon an unlikely ring of spies in new york charged with discovering the enemy s battle plans and military strategy washington s small band included a young quaker torn between political principle and family loyalty a swashbuckling sailor addicted to the perils of espionage a hard drinking barkeep a yale educated cavalryman and friend of the doomed nathan hale and a peaceful sickly farmer who begged washington to let him retire but who always came through in the end personally guiding these imperfect everyday heroes was washington himself in an era when officers were gentlemen and gentlemen didn t spy he possessed an extraordinary talent for deception and proved an adept spymaster the men he mentored were dubbed the culper ring the british secret service tried to hunt them down but they escaped by the closest of shaves thanks to their ciphers dead drops and invisible ink rose s thrilling narrative tells the unknown story of the revolution the murderous intelligence war gunrunning and kidnapping defectors and executioners that has never appeared in the history books but washington s spies is also a spirited touching account of friendship and trust fear and betrayal amid the dark and silent world of the spy

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