

### *Who Was Alexander Hamilton?*

This book explores the puzzling phenomenon of new veiling practices among lower middle class women in Cairo, Egypt. Although these women are part of a modernizing middle class, they also voluntarily adopt a traditional symbol of female subordination. How can this paradox be explained? An explanation emerges which reconceptualizes what appears to be reactionary behavior as a new style of political struggle--as accommodating protest. These

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women, most of them clerical workers in the large government bureaucracy, are ambivalent about working outside the home, considering it a change which brings new burdens as well as some important benefits. At the same time they realize that leaving home and family is creating an intolerable situation of the erosion of their social status and the loss of their traditional identity. The new veiling expresses women's protest against this. MacLeod argues that the symbolism of the new veiling emerges from this tense subcultural dilemma, involving

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elements of both resistance and acquiescence. In this kids' biography, discover the amazing life story of Alexander Hamilton, Founding Father of the United States whose work as an American statesman and strong personality made him an icon of history and popular culture. Alexander Hamilton is known not only for his political brilliance, but also for his strong principles and astonishing achievements. From humble beginnings as an orphan, Hamilton defied all the odds and made a lasting name for himself in many arenas, including politics,

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finance, and the military.

"An entertaining look at the life and wisdom of Alexander Hamilton, the Founding Father who mastered the arts of wit, war, and wealth, long before becoming the subject of the runaway Broadway hit Hamilton: An American Musical,"--Amazon.com.

Alexander Hamilton did not rise to public prominence as an austere New Englander or a gentlemanly Virginian. He was not born in the colonies at all. He was born in the West Indies, the son of a woman of French descent who had

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left her husband for another man. As an illegitimate child, Hamilton could not be educated in the local church school, so businessmen, impressed by his remarkable intelligence, sent him to America for his schooling. The American Revolution would interrupt his vacation but accelerate his promotion to the national stage from his service as George Washington ' s aide-de-camp to his position as the new nation ' s first Secretary of the Treasury. Hamilton understood money and knew that for the nation to thrive, it had to

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become financially strong, a stance which brought him into contention with other Founding Fathers who distrusted his enthusiasm for a strong central government. Inside you will read about... Hamilton Rises

The Patriotic Prodigy Hamilton the Politician and Puller of Strings Washington 's Man at the Treasury The Reynolds Affair Back to New York Hamilton and Burr: The Final Chapter His extramarital affair with a married woman brought his public career to a conclusion but he continued to involve himself

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in political intrigue. It was his role in a contested election that brought him to a duel with Aaron Burr, the shadowy character in American history. Scandal and death cannot overpower the mighty role he played in building the United States of America.

The Island At The Center Of The World  
The Great Alexander Hamilton

The Making of America #1

Alexander Hamilton: The Formative Years

*Readers will learn the story of the "ten-dollar Founding*

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*Father" who inspired the smash Broadway musical "Hamilton." Illustrations.*

*The history of Alexander Hamilton's legal career and how he had a unique and formative influence over the development of American law at both the state and federal levels. The book explores both Hamilton's legal practice, as well as how early republican jurists adapted Hamiltonian legal principles into a distinctly American, republican jurisprudence throughout the nineteenth century.*

*The main protagonist of one of the most successful musicals of all time, Alexander Hamilton was an invaluable founding father of the United States of America. Not only was he a hugely influential member of the Continental Congress, but he*



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*authored The Federalist Papers and became a champion of the U.S. Constitution. Hamilton was also America's first Secretary of the Treasury, responsible for founding the nation's first national bank, managing the country's finances and helping settle its debts. s the story of one of America's great founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton. The book is a detailed account of this very important but controversial figure in American history. The story is a "classic rags to riches" one and begins with his childhood in the British West Indies. Though his life is filled with tragedy and he is very poor, Hamilton manages to distinguish himself through his writing and his business skills. Eventually, he leaves the West Indies and immigrated to North America where he receives a first*

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*rate education. Later, he becomes a hero in the Revolutionary War and is appointed to be General George Washington's right hand man. Because of his service to Washington, Hamilton becomes the Secretary of the Treasury when Washington is elected President. As a member of the new government, Hamilton makes significant contributions including setting up a banking system and a currency system which are still used today. He also plays a major role in the ratification of the United States Constitution. Buy now. Revolutionary War officer, co-author of the Federalist Papers, our first Treasury Secretary, Thomas Jefferson's nemesis, and victim of a fatal duel with Aaron Burr: Alexander Hamilton has been the focus of debate from his day to ours. On the one*

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*hand, Hamilton was the quintessential Founding Father, playing a central role in every key debate and event in the Revolutionary and Early Republic eras. On the other hand, he has received far less popular and scholarly attention than his brethren. Who was he really and what is his legacy? Scholars have long disagreed. Was Hamilton a closet monarchist or a sincere republican? A victim of partisan politics or one of its most active promoters? A lackey for British interests or a foreign policy mastermind? The Many Faces of Alexander Hamilton addresses these and other perennial questions. Leading Hamilton scholars, both historians and political scientists alike, present fresh evidence and new, sometimes competing, interpretations of the man, his thought, and the*

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*legacy he has had on America and the world.*

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*Selected Works of Alexander Hamilton*

*The Papers of Alexander Hamilton*

*The Federalist*

*A Commentary on the Constitution of the United States. A  
Collection of Essays*

Alexander Hamilton's thought has, for over two hundred years, been noted for its deviations from American revolutionary Whig orthodoxy. From a conventional Whig at the beginning of his career, Hamilton developed a

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Federalist viewpoint that liberty depended above all on the creation of a powerful central government. In this collection, we find the seeds of this development, as Hamilton's early optimistic confidence in the triumph of American Whig principles begin to give way, under the influence of his experience during the Revolution, to his mature Federalism.

University Press returns with another short and captivating portrait of one of history's most compelling figures, Alexander Hamilton. Alexander Hamilton was a penniless orphan from a remote island in the Caribbean. Yet he

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went on to become one of the elite Founding Fathers of the United States, and, as America's first Treasury Secretary, the founder of the nation's financial system. A man of honor, conviction, and genius, Alexander was still not immune to scandal and conflict. His extra-marital affair deeply hurt his beloved wife and brought him ridicule from his political opponents. And his bitter dispute with Vice President Aaron Burr resulted in their famous duel - and in Hamilton's violent and premature death. This short book tells the intensely human story of a man who changed the world in a way that no

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one else could.

The America that Alexander Hamilton knew was largely agricultural and built on slave labor. He envisioned something else: a multi-racial, urbanized, capitalistic America with a strong central government. He believed that such an America would be a land of opportunity for the poor and the newcomers. But Hamilton's vision put him at odds with his archrivals who envisioned a pastoral America of small towns, where governments were local, states would control their own destiny, and the federal government would remain small and weak. The disputes that

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arose during America's first decades continued through American history to our present day. Over time, because of the systems Hamilton set up and the ideas he left, his vision won out. Here is the story that epitomizes the American dream—a poor immigrant who made good in America. In the end, Hamilton rose from poverty through his intelligence and ability, and did more to shape our country than any of his contemporaries. Related subjects and concepts discussed in the book include: Law and Legal Concepts Due process Bill of Rights Freedom of Speech and the Press Originalism /



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nonoriginalism (theories of Constitutional interpretation) Government Checks and Balances Democracy Electoral College Republic Financial Concepts Capitalism Credit Inflation Interest Mercantilism Securities: Stocks and Bonds Tariffs Taxes Miscellaneous Demagogues Dueling Pastoralism About the Series The Making of America series traces the constitutional history of the United States through overlapping biographies of American men and women. The debates that raged when our nation was founded have been argued ever since: How should the Constitution be interpreted? What is the

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meaning, and where are the limits of personal liberty? What is the proper role of the federal government? Who should be included in "we the people"? Each biography in the series tells the story of an American leader who helped shape the United States of today.

An introduction to the life and work of Alexander Hamilton, one of America's Founding Fathers. Activities includes All about Hamilton crossword puzzle.

The Essential Hamilton: Letters & Other Writings

The Biography of Alexander Hamilton

True Life: Alexander Hamilton

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What We Don't Know About His Life As A  
Founding Father Of United States: What Did  
Alexander Hamilton Do

Observations on Certain Documents in the  
History of the United States for the Year  
1796

Fans of the Broadway musical Hamilton and American history lovers will want to share this illustrated biography of Alexander Hamilton with their young readers. Did you know that one of our Founding Fathers was not born in America? An orphan from the West Indies, Alexander Hamilton came to the colonies and played an important role in the Revolutionary War, rising to become General George Washington's right-hand man. But his accomplishments don't stop there! He helped obtain the

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ratification of the Constitution; he was America's first secretary of the treasury; and he established the first national bank and the U.S. Mint. A man of ambition, loyalty, and principle, he is now being celebrated as the prominent patriot he was. Step 3 Readers feature engaging characters in easy-to-follow plots about popular topics—for children who are ready to read on their own.

Scribble, brainstorm, or sketch your own big ideas alongside the most inspiring words of Alexander Hamilton in this elegantly designed Signature Notebook. "There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty that makes human nature rise above itself in acts of bravery and heroism." —Alexander Hamilton Alexander Hamilton is arguably one of the most inspiring—if not the most significant—of our Founding Fathers, and today, Hamilton's legacy of brilliance still rewards us all. His defense and advocacy

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of the Constitution continue to shape our political discourse, and his profound impact on our then-fledgling nation was accomplished largely through the power of his written word. Now you can put pen to paper in your very own Alexander Hamilton Signature Notebook, and let his words encourage and inspire you as you record your daily musings. The Alexander Hamilton Notebook is part of the Signature Notebook series, all of which are filled with inspirational quotes for dreamers, thinkers, and writers of all ages, alongside striking, rarely seen images throughout. This beautiful, pocket-sized notebook features a moleskin-like binding, cream paper stock, and an elegant ribbon page marker, so you can always pick up where you left off...and Hamilton's removable portrait wraps around the foil-stamped front cover, which is debossed with his signature. The Signature

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Notebook series features some of the most prominent figures in our society, from William Shakespeare and Jane Austen, to JFK and Michelle Obama--and Alexander Hamilton adds another inspirational personality to the mix.

Classic Books Library presents this brand new edition of "The Federalist Papers", a collection of separate essays and articles compiled in 1788 by Alexander Hamilton. Following the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776, the governing doctrines and policies of the States lacked cohesion. "The Federalist", as it was previously known, was constructed by American statesman Alexander Hamilton, and was intended to catalyse the ratification of the United States Constitution. Hamilton recruited fellow statesmen James Madison Jr., and John Jay to write papers for the compendium, and the three are

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known as some of the Founding Fathers of the United States. Alexander Hamilton (c. 1755–1804) was an American lawyer, journalist and highly influential government official. He also served as a Senior Officer in the Army between 1799-1800 and founded the Federalist Party, the system that governed the nation's finances. His contributions to the Constitution and leadership made a significant and lasting impact on the early development of the nation of the United States.

Get to know America's most controversial Founding Father through his own public writings and private letters A brash immigrant who rose to become George Washington's right-hand man. A fierce partisan whose nationalist vision made him Thomas Jefferson's bitter rival. An unfaithful husband whose commitment to personal honor brought his life to a tragic early

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end. The amazing success of Lin-Manuel Miranda's musical Hamilton has stoked an extraordinary resurgence of interest in Alexander Hamilton, the brilliant and divisive founder who profoundly shaped the American republic. Now, Library of America presents an unrivaled portrait of Hamilton in his own words, charting his meteoric rise, his controversial tenure as treasury secretary, and his scandalous final years—all culminating in his infamous duel with Aaron Burr. Selected and introduced by acclaimed historian Joanne B. Freeman, *The Essential Hamilton* is a reader's edition of the Founding Father's public writings and private letters, plus the correspondence between Burr and Hamilton that led to their duel and two conflicting eyewitness accounts of their fatal encounter.

Alexander Hamilton's Guide to Life



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His Life, Our History

First Architect of the American Government

The Many Faces of Alexander Hamilton

A Library of America Special Publication

*Who Was Alexander Hamilton? Penguin*

*Alexander Hamilton, the subject of Lin-Manuel Miranda's smash hit Broadway musical, comes to life in his own words in this critically acclaimed collection, which also includes conflicting eyewitness accounts of the duel with Aaron Burr that led to his death. One of the most vivid, influential, and controversial figures of the founding of America, Hamilton was an unusually prolific and vigorous writer. As a military aide to George Washington, critic of the Articles of Confederation, proponent of ratification of the Constitution,*

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*first Secretary of the Treasury, and leader of the Federalist Party, Hamilton devoted himself to the creation of a militarily and economically powerful American nation guided by a strong, energetic republican government. His public and private writings demonstrate the perceptive intelligence, confident advocacy, driving ambition, and profound concern for honor and reputation that contributed both to his astonishing rise to fame and to his tragic early death. Arranged chronologically, this volume contains more than 170 letters, speeches, pamphlets, essays, reports, and memoranda written between 1769 and 1804. Included are all fifty-one of Hamilton's contributions to The Federalist, as well as subsequent writings calling for a broad construction of federal power; his famous speech to the Constitutional*

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*Convention, which gave rise to accusations that he favored monarchy; and early writings supporting the Revolutionary cause and a stronger central government. His detailed reports as Secretary of the Treasury on the public credit, a national bank, and the encouragement of manufactures present a forward-looking vision of a country transformed by the power of financial markets, centralized banking, and industrial development. Hamilton's sometimes flawed political judgment is revealed in the "Reynolds Pamphlet," in which he confessed to adultery in order to defend himself against accusations of corrupt conduct, as well as in his self-destructive pamphlet attack on John Adams during the 1800 presidential campaign. An extensive selection of private letters illuminates Hamilton's complex relationship with*

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*George Washington, his deep affection for his wife and children, his mounting fears during the 1790s regarding the Jeffersonian opposition and the French Revolution, and his profound distrust of Aaron Burr. LIBRARY OF AMERICA is an independent nonprofit cultural organization founded in 1979 to preserve our nation's literary heritage by publishing, and keeping permanently in print, America's best and most significant writing. The Library of America series includes more than 300 volumes to date, authoritative editions that average 1,000 pages in length, feature cloth covers, sewn bindings, and ribbon markers, and are printed on premium acid-free paper that will last for centuries.*

*Complex, passionate, brilliant, flawedNone of America's founding fathers comes to life in this exciting biography.*

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*Richly informed by Hamilton's own writing, with archival artwork and new illustrations, this is an in-depth biography of an extraordinary man.*

*Complex, passionate, brilliant, flawed—Alexander Hamilton comes alive in this exciting biography. He was born out of wedlock on a small island in the West Indies and orphaned as a teenager. From those inauspicious circumstances, he rose to a position of power and influence in colonial America.*

*Discover this founding father's incredible true story: his brilliant scholarship and military career; his groundbreaking and enduring policy, which shapes American government today; his salacious and scandalous personal life; his heartrending end. Richly informed by Hamilton's own writing, with archival artwork and new illustrations, this is an in-depth*

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*The Graphic History of an American Founding Father*

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*The Epic Story Of Dutch Manhattan And The Forgotten*

*Colony That Shaped America*

*ALEXANDER HAMILTON, American*

**Patriot, soldier, lawyer, founding father, nation builder, and statesman: Alexander Hamilton was all those things and more. This fascinating biography introduces this prominent and popular figure in American history to children. Filled to the brim**

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with photos, quotes, and maps, Alexander Hamilton is sure to be a hit with fans of both history and the smash Broadway musical. Engagingly written, it follows Hamilton from childhood to his tragic death, focusing on his hard work, cunning, and opportunistic zeal. It also shows Hamilton's darker side; his recklessness and the tragedies that ultimately kept him from even greater heights.

Alexander Hamilton (January 11, 1755 or 1757 - July 12, 1804) was an American statesman and one of the Founding Fathers

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of the United States. He was an influential interpreter and promoter of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the founder of the nation's financial system, the Federalist Party, the United States Coast Guard, and The New York Post newspaper. As the first Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton was the main author of the economic policies of the George Washington administration. He took the lead in the funding of the states' debts by the Federal government, as well as the establishment of a national bank, a system



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of tariffs, and friendly trade relations with Britain. His vision included a strong central government led by a vigorous executive branch, [1]:3-4 a strong commercial economy, with a national bank and support for manufacturing, plus a strong military. This was challenged by Virginia agrarians Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, who formed a rival party, the Democratic-Republican Party. They favored strong states based in rural America and protected by state militias as opposed to a strong national army and

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navy. They denounced Hamilton as too friendly toward Britain and toward monarchy in general, and too oriented toward cities, business and banking. Hamilton was born out of wedlock in Charlestown, Nevis. His Scottish-born father, James A. Hamilton, was the fourth son of Alexander Hamilton, laird of Grange, Ayrshire.[2] His mother, born Rachel Faucette, was half-British and half-French Huguenot.[1]:8 Orphaned as a child by his mother's death and his father's abandonment, Hamilton was taken in by an

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older cousin and later by a prosperous merchant family. He was recognized for his intelligence and talent, and sponsored by a group of wealthy local men to travel to New York City to pursue his education. Hamilton attended King's College (now Columbia University), choosing to stay in the Thirteen Colonies to seek his fortune. Discontinuing his studies before graduating when the college closed its doors during British occupation of the city, [3] Hamilton played a major role in the American Revolutionary War. At the

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start of the war in 1775, he joined a militia company. In early 1776, he raised a provincial artillery company, to which he was appointed captain. He soon became the senior aide to General Washington, the American forces' commander-in-chief. Hamilton was dispatched by Washington on numerous missions to convey plans to his generals. After the war, Hamilton was elected as a representative to the Congress of the Confederation from New York. He resigned to practice law, and founded the Bank of New York.....

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William Graham Sumner (October 30, 1840 - April 12, 1910) was a classical liberal (now a branch of "libertarianism" in American political philosophy) American social scientist. He taught social sciences at Yale, where he held the nation's first professorship in sociology. He was one of the most influential teachers at Yale or any major schools. Sumner wrote widely within the social sciences, with numerous books and essays on American history, economic history, political theory, sociology, and

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anthropology. He supported laissez-faire economics, free markets, and the gold standard. He adopted the term "ethnocentrism" to identify the roots of imperialism, which he strongly opposed. He was a spokesman against imperialism and in favor of the "forgotten man" of the middle class, a term he coined. He had a long-term influence on conservatism in the United States. Biography: Sumner wrote an autobiographical sketch for the fourth of the histories of the Class of 1863 Yale College. In 1925, Rev. Harris E. Starr,

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class of 1910 Yale Department of Theology, published the first full length biography of Sumner. A second full length biography by Bruce Curtis was published in 1981. Other authors have included biographical information about Sumner as shown by citations in this "Biography" section..... The True Life: Alexander Hamilton e-Book offers an exciting nonfiction reader that builds critical reading skills while students are immersed in an engaging biography. This text is purposefully leveled to increase comprehension for

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different learner types. The True Life: Alexander Hamilton e-Book features complex and rigorous content appropriate for middle school students. Aligned with state standards, this text connects with McREL, WIDA/TESOL standards and prepares students for college and career readiness.

Alexander Hamilton is one of the least understood, most important, and most impassioned and inspiring of the founding fathers. At last Hamilton has found a modern biographer who can bring him to full-blooded life; Richard Brookhiser. In



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these pages, Alexander Hamilton sheds his skewed image as the "bastard brat of a Scotch peddler," sex scandal survivor, and notoriously doomed dueling partner of Aaron Burr. Examined up close, throughout his meteoric and ever-fascinating (if tragically brief) life, Hamilton can at last be seen as one of the most crucial of the founders. Here, thanks to Brookhiser's accustomed wit and grace, this quintessential American lives again.

Alexander Hamilton Signature Notebook  
The Revolutionary Writings of Alexander

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**Hamilton**

**Federalist and Founding Father**

**ALEXANDER HAMILTON: A BIOGRAPHY IN HIS OWN WORDS**

**The Life and Legacy of America's Most Elusive Founding Father**

A graphic novel biography of the American legend who inspired the hit Broadway musical Hamilton. Alexander Hamilton was one of the most influential figures in United States history—he fought in the Revolutionary War, helped develop the Constitution, and as the first Secretary of the Treasury established landmark economic policy that we still use today.

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Cut down by a bullet from political rival Aaron Burr, Hamilton has since been immortalized alongside other Founding Fathers such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson—his likeness even appears on the ten-dollar bill. In this fully-illustrated and impeccably researched graphic novel-style history, author Jonathan Hennessey and comic book illustrator Justin Greenwood bring Alexander Hamilton's world to life, telling the story of this improbable hero who helped shape the United States of America.

Written by Hamilton himself to confess to the affair he conducted with Maria Reynolds, Alexander

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Hamilton: Adultery and Apology is Hamilton's attempt to defend and rationalize his misdoings, and ultimately salvage what was left of his reputation. The pamphlet was originally published in 1796 after accusations of the adultery arose. This personal exposé reveals a man, whom the public initially revered as a politician and Founding Father, as a flawed human-being. Within these documents Hamilton describes his exploits in impeccable detail and languid prose, at the risk of tarnishing his public image, to prove to the public that he had nothing to hide. With a new foreword by Robert Watson, presidential scholar and author of *Affairs of State*,

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delve into this exquisite, essential account of history's most scandalous love affairs.

"A treasure trove for financial and public policy geeks . . . will also help lay readers go beyond the hit musical in understanding Hamilton's lasting significance." —Publishers Weekly

While serving as the first treasury secretary from 1789 to 1795, Alexander Hamilton engineered a financial revolution. He established the treasury debt market, the dollar, and a central bank, while strategically prompting private entrepreneurs to establish securities markets and stock exchanges and encouraging state governments to charter a number

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of commercial banks and other business corporations. Yet despite a recent surge of interest in Hamilton, US financial modernization has not been fully recognized as one of his greatest achievements. This book traces the development of Hamilton's financial thinking, policies, and actions through a selection of his writings. Financial historians and Hamilton experts Richard Sylla and David J. Cowen provide commentary that demonstrates the impact Hamilton had on the modern economic system, guiding readers through Hamilton's distinguished career. It showcases Hamilton's thoughts on the nation's founding, the

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need for a strong central government, problems such as a depreciating paper currency and weak public credit, and the architecture of the financial system. His great state papers on public credit, the national bank, the mint, and manufactures instructed reform of the nation's finances and jumpstarted economic growth. Hamilton practiced what he preached: he played a key role in the founding of three banks and a manufacturing corporation—and his deft political maneuvering and economic savvy saved the fledgling republic's economy during the country's first full-blown financial crisis in 1792. "A fascinating examination of Hamiltonian economics."

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—The Washington Times

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Law and Politics.

Alexander Hamilton: From Orphan to Founding  
Father

Alexander Hamilton

The Works of Alexander Hamilton

Alexander Hamilton and the Development of  
American Law

Alexander Hamilton Book

What did Alexander Hamilton ever do besides get  
shot in a duel by Aaron Burr? When it comes to the



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American government, the answer is: practically everything. Born in the West Indies, Hamilton was the illegitimate child of a Scottish nobleman who lost a fortune in sugar plantations. Orphaned as a teenager, he came to America in search of an education, a home, and the war that would at last bring him fame and honor. As George Washington's most trusted aide, Hamilton helped to win the American Revolution-but after the war, his enemies lost no time accusing him of trying to sell his country back to the British. He was the most powerful member of Washington's presidential cabinet-so why did Adams and Jefferson hate him so

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much? In this book, you will learn how the author of the Federalist Papers and the first Secretary of the Treasury nearly ruined his career by fighting duels, seducing women, and getting involved in America's first sex scandal. The duel that killed Alexander Hamilton is the most famous duel in American history, but you'll have to come up with your own answer to its greatest mystery: who shot first, Hamilton or Burr?

The #1 New York Times bestseller, and the inspiration for the hit Broadway musical Hamilton! Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ron Chernow presents a landmark biography of Alexander Hamilton, the

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Founding Father who galvanized, inspired, scandalized, and shaped the newborn nation. "Grand-scale biography at its best—thorough, insightful, consistently fair, and superbly written . . . A genuinely great book." —David McCullough "A robust full-length portrait, in my view the best ever written, of the most brilliant, charismatic and dangerous founder of them all." —Joseph Ellis Few figures in American history have been more hotly debated or more grossly misunderstood than Alexander Hamilton. Chernow's biography gives Hamilton his due and sets the record straight, deftly illustrating that the political and economic greatness of today's

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America is the result of Hamilton's countless sacrifices to champion ideas that were often wildly disputed during his time. "To repudiate his legacy," Chernow writes, "is, in many ways, to repudiate the modern world." Chernow here recounts Hamilton's turbulent life: an illegitimate, largely self-taught orphan from the Caribbean, he came out of nowhere to take America by storm, rising to become George Washington's aide-de-camp in the Continental Army, coauthoring The Federalist Papers, founding the Bank of New York, leading the Federalist Party, and becoming the first Treasury Secretary of the United States. Historians have long told the story of

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America's birth as the triumph of Jefferson's democratic ideals over the aristocratic intentions of Hamilton. Chernow presents an entirely different man, whose legendary ambitions were motivated not merely by self-interest but by passionate patriotism and a stubborn will to build the foundations of American prosperity and power. His is a Hamilton far more human than we've encountered before—from his shame about his birth to his fiery aspirations, from his intimate relationships with childhood friends to his titanic feuds with Jefferson, Madison, Adams, Monroe, and Burr, and from his highly public affair with Maria Reynolds to his loving marriage to

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his loyal wife Eliza. And never before has there been a more vivid account of Hamilton's famous and mysterious death in a duel with Aaron Burr in July of 1804. Chernow's biography is not just a portrait of Hamilton, but the story of America's birth seen through its most central figure. At a critical time to look back to our roots, Alexander Hamilton will remind readers of the purpose of our institutions and our heritage as Americans. 9780143034759

Although Alexander Hamilton recently recaptured the spotlight as the subject of a hit Broadway show, his role as one of the first and foremost interpreters of the U.S. Constitution means that his importance

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was never in doubt. This biography introduces readers to the exciting life, and dramatic death, of the man whose accomplishments include (though are hardly limited to) working as Washington's aide during the American Revolution, writing the majority of the Federalist Papers, serving as the first Secretary of the Treasury, and influencing the establishment of the two-party political system. Sidebars highlight key vocabulary terms or offer informative quick facts, which is a great resource for report-writing.

Even though Alexander Hamilton was among the most important Founding Fathers, less is known

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about his early life than that of any other major Founder. Relatively few records have been found regarding Hamilton's birth, childhood, and origins in the West Indies. Alexander Hamilton "rarely . . . dwelt upon his personal history" and never recorded his life's story. Most of Hamilton's correspondence prior to 1777 was lost during the American Revolution. This has resulted in many gaps in Alexander Hamilton's biography, which has given rise to much conjecture regarding the details of his life. Relying on new research and extensive analysis of the existing literature, Michael E. Newton presents a more comprehensive and accurate account of



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Alexander Hamilton's formative years. Despite being orphaned as a young boy and having his birth be "the subject of the most humiliating criticism," Alexander Hamilton used his intelligence, determination, and charisma to overcome his questionable origins and desperate situation. As a mere child, Hamilton went to work for a West Indian mercantile company. Within a few short years, Hamilton was managing the firm's St. Croix operations. Gaining the attention of the island's leading men, Hamilton was sent to mainland North America for an education, where he immediately fell in with the country's leading patriots. After using his

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pen to defend the civil liberties of the Americans against British infringements, Hamilton took up arms in the defense of those rights. Earning distinction in the campaign of 1776–77 at the head of an artillery company, Hamilton attracted the attention of General George Washington, who made him his aide-de-camp. Alexander Hamilton was soon writing some of Washington's most important correspondence, advising the commander-in-chief on crucial military and political matters, carrying out urgent missions, conferring with French allies, negotiating with the British, and helping Washington manage his spy network. As Washington later attested, Hamilton had

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become his “principal and most confidential aid.” After serving the commander-in-chief for four years, Hamilton was given a field command and led the assault on Redoubt Ten at Yorktown, the critical engagement in the decisive battle of the War for Independence. By the age of just twenty-five, Alexander Hamilton had proven himself to be one of the most intelligent, brave, hard-working, and patriotic Americans. Alexander Hamilton: The Formative Years tells the dramatic story of how this poor immigrant emerged from obscurity and transformed himself into the most remarkable Founding Father. In riveting detail, Michael E.

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Newton delivers a fresh and fascinating account of Alexander Hamilton's origins, youth, and indispensable services during the American Revolution.

America's First Treasury Secretary

DK Life Stories Alexander Hamilton

A Biography

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