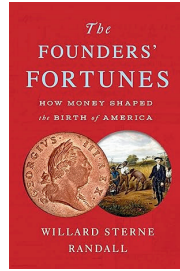


**Benjamin Franklin: An American Life**

Walter Isaacson

Isaacson provides a full sweep of Franklin's amazing life, showing how he helped to forge American national identity and shape its political system - and why he has a particular resonance in the twenty-first century.

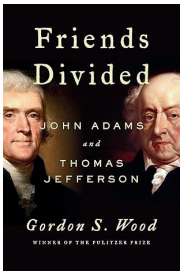


**The Founders' Fortunes: How Money Shaped the Birth of America**

Willard S. Randall

Randall examines the crucial role of personal finances, business, and economic interests in the American Revolution and Constitution, revealing how wealth shaped the new nation's economic and political landscape.

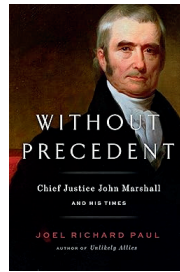
# Adult Picks: American Revolution -The Founders



**Friends Divided: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson**

Gordon S. Wood

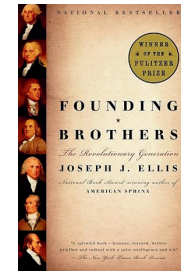
Wood explores the complex, decades-long relationship between the two Founding Fathers, from their close collaboration during the Revolution to their bitter political rivalry and eventual reconciliation.



**Without Precedent: John Marshall and His Times**

Joel R. Paul

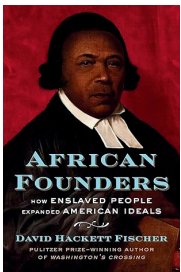
Paul describes Marshall's life and significant impact on the Constitution and Supreme Court: how Marshall, the longest-serving Chief Justice, helped to establish the judiciary's independence and Constitution's supremacy.



**Founding Brothers**

Joseph J. Ellis

Ellis analyzes how a group of greatly gifted but deeply flawed individuals—Hamilton, Burr, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Adams, and Madison—confronted overwhelming challenges to set the course for our nation.

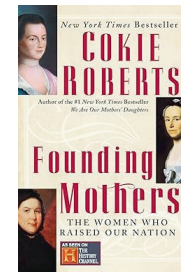


**African Founders: How Enslaved People Expanded American Ideals**

David H. Fischer

Fischer argues that enslaved Africans and their descendants were essential to shaping American ideas of freedom and culture across different regions of the early United States.

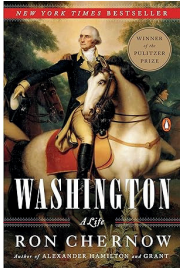
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**Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation**

Cokie Roberts

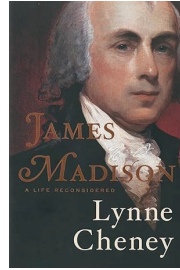
Roberts brings to life the significant contributions of women to the nation's founding, their everyday trials, extraordinary triumphs, behind-the-scenes influence, and home-front activism.



### **Washington: A Life**

Ron Chernow

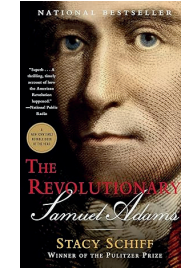
Chernow portrays Washington as a complex, passionate man, detailing his military career, role in the Constitutional Convention, presidency, and personal life in this Pulitzer Prize winning biography.



### **James Madison: A Life Reconsidered**

Lynne V. Cheney

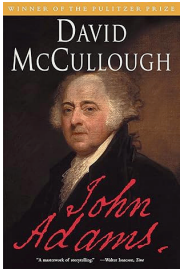
Cheney highlights Madison's immense contributions as an intellectual and political force, from shaping America's ideals, Constitution, and geography, to leading the country during the War of 1812.



### **The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams**

Stacy Schiff

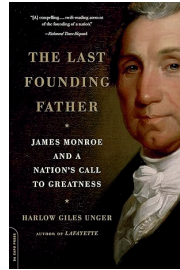
Schiff presents Adams as a primary strategist behind the revolution, a skilled political communicator who used public opinion to mobilize the colonists and thus became essential to the cause of independence.



### **John Adams**

David McCullough

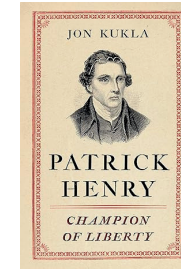
McCullough chronicles Adams' life from a Massachusetts lawyer to a revolutionary leader and president, focusing on his political career, his marriage to Abigail Adams, and his relationship with Thomas Jefferson.



### **The Last Founding Father: James Monroe and A Nation's Call to Greatness**

Harlow G. Unger

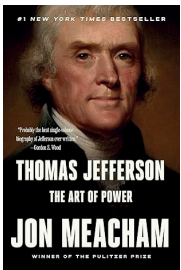
Unger details Monroe's role in transforming the young nation into a powerful empire by outlining Monroe's service in the Revolutionary War, his political career, and his presidency.



### **Patrick Henry: Champion of Liberty**

Jon Kukla

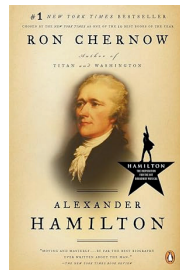
Kukla outlines Henry's influential role as a powerful orator, lawyer, and politician during the nation's founding by exploring his complex legacy, including his opposition to the Constitution and his views on slavery.



### **Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power**

Jon Meacham

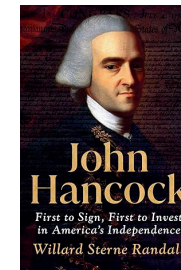
Meacham presents Jefferson as a master politician who used power and persuasion to navigate partisan divides and build the American republic, exploring his political genius, leadership, ideas, and ideals.



### **Alexander Hamilton**

Ron Chernow

Hamilton inspired and scandalized Americans of his time. Chernow offers a nuanced portrait of Hamilton's personal and public life: the patriot who helped build the foundation of America's prosperity and power.



### **John Hancock First to Sign, First to Invest in America's Independence**

Willard S. Randall

Randall reveals the pivotal role Hancock had in the revolution, detailing his crucial economic and political contributions to the cause beyond his famous signature.