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points out henry s words continue to echo across america and inspire millions to fight government intrusion in their daily lives from new york times bestselling author and founding fathers biographer harlow giles unger comes the astonishing biography of the man whose pen set america ablaze inspiring its revolution and whose ideas about reason and religion continue to try men s souls thomas paine s words were like no others in history they leaped off the page inspiring readers to change their lives their governments their kings and even their gods in an age when spoken and written words were the only forms of communication paine s aroused men to action like no one else the most widely read political writer of his generation he proved to be more than a century ahead of his time conceiving and demanding unheard of social reforms that are now integral elements of modern republican societies among them were government subsidies for the poor universal housing and education pre and post natal care for women and universal social security an englishman who emigrated to the american colonies he formed close friendships with benjamin franklin thomas jefferson and james madison and his ideas helped shape the declaration of independence and the bill of rights however the world turned against paine in his later years while his earlier

works common sense and rights of man attacked the political and social status quo here on earth the age of reason attacked the status quo of the hereafter former friends shunned him and the man america had hailed as the muse of the american revolution died alone and forgotten packed with action and intrigue soldiers and spies politics and perfidy unger s thomas paine is a much needed new look at a defining figure he fought for washington served with lincoln witnessed bunker hill and sounded the clarion against slavery on the eve of the civil war he negotiated an end to the war of 1812 engineered the annexation of florida and won the supreme court decision that freed the african captives of the amistad he served his nation as minister to six countries secretary of state senator congressman and president john quincy adams was all of these things and more in this masterful biography award winning author harlow giles unger reveals quincy adams as a towering figure in the nation s formative years and one of the most courageous figures in american history which is why he ranked first in john f kennedy s pulitzer prize winning profiles in courage a magisterial biography and a sweeping panorama of american history from the washington to lincoln eras unger s john quincy adams follows one of america s most important yet least known figures in a critical and little known chapter of early american history author harlow giles unger tells how a fearless young kentucky lawyer threw open the doors of congress during the nation s formative years and prevented dissolution of the infant american republic the only freshman congressman ever elected speaker of the house henry clay brought an arsenal of rhetorical weapons to subdue feuding members of the house of representatives and established the speaker as the most powerful elected official after the president during fifty years in public service as congressman senator secretary of state and four time presidential candidate clay constantly battled to save the union summoning uncanny negotiating skills to force bitter foes from north and south to compromise on slavery and forego secession his famous missouri compromise and four other compromises thwarted civil war by a power and influence lincoln said which belonged to no other statesman of his age and times explosive revealing and richly illustrated henry clay is the story of one of the most courageous and powerful political leaders in american history a hero in america s war against british tyranny john marshall with his heroics as chief justice turned the supreme court into a bulwark against presidential and congressional tyranny and saved american democracy in this startling biography award winning author harlow giles unger reveals how virginia born john marshall emerged from the revolutionary war s bloodiest battlefields to become one of the nation s most important founding fathers america s greatest chief justice marshall served his country as an officer congressman diplomat and secretary of state before president john adams named him the nation s fourth chief justice the longest serving in american history marshall transformed the supreme court from an irrelevant appeals court into a powerful branch of government and provoked the ire of thousands of americans who like millions today accused him and the court of issuing decisions that were tantamount to new laws and constitutional amendments and the court s critics were right marshall admitted as much with nine decisions that shocked the nation john marshall and his court assumed powers to strike down laws it deemed unconstitutional in doing so marshall s court acted without constitutional authority but its decisions saved american liberty by protecting individual rights and the rights of private business against tyranny by federal state and local government every american interested in understanding the american character and the american past should read this book there are vivid history lessons on almost every page the constitution becomes not merely a brilliant blueprint for governance it is and was also the only alternative to chaos thomas fleming author of the perils of peace acclaim for the unexpected george washington it s hard to imagine george washington as playful tender or funny but harlow unger searches to find these seldom seen aspects of the private man and the result is a fare more complete and believable founding father james c rees executive director historic mount vernon an intimate view of the american hero who managed to follow his ambitions to great power without being disdained for them publishers weekly he was a rich powerful aristocrat a merchant king who loved english culture and fashion and above all he was a loyal british subject with ambitions of a lordship and a grand retirement estate in england there simply was no doubt about it john hancock was the least likely man in boston to start a rebellion how then did this tory patrician become one of the staunchest supporters of the american revolution john hancock s overnight transformation from british loyalist to fiery rebel and first governor of the independent state of massachusetts is one of the least known but most gripping stories of the american revolution now acclaimed author harlow giles unger introduces us to the founding father whose name is as recognizable as george washington s but whose thrilling life story is all but untold applying his historical expertise and storytelling gift unger details the fascinating life of one of our most extraordinary business and political leaders the first signer of the declaration of independence as unger reveals in this unflinching portrait hancock was one of the most paradoxical figures of his time arguably the wealthiest man in the american colonies he unabashedly reveled in his riches adoring all the foppish trappings he could buy but his commitment to individual liberty eventually transformed him into a fervent revolutionary venerated equally by his establishment peers at harvard as he was by the rebels the minutemen who did the fighting and the boston street mobs who declared him their hero even as they burned the homes of other aristocrats to repay their respect he sacrificed his fortune and risked death by hanging to win independence from the british a brilliant orator he combined his wealth and political skills to unite boston s merchant and working classes into an armed might that forced britain s vaunted professional army to evacuate boston assuring the success of the revolution america s first great philanthropist and humanitarian hancock rebuilt whole neighborhoods devastated by boston s periodic fires fed the poor sent orphans to college and bought the city its first fire engine he rebuilt the city and the magnificent boston common after the vicious british devastation and the people of massachusetts elected and reelected him their governor for the rest of his life nine terms in all here is the fascinating story of the man with the most recognizable signature in american history intertwining hancock s story with that of the colorful samuel adams his fellow bostonian and harvard man who was both comrade in arms and political enemy unger etches a finely drawn portrait of one of the revolutionary war s greatest and possibly least known leaders

first courtroom appearance of patrick henry jr was in the parsons cause a case that had religious and political implications for both virginia and england if henry lost the case many would lose their homes and lands 2 patrick henry was a lawyer and he was assigned to represent the plaintiff in the trial he had three previous careers that had all ended in failure he was intelligent hard working cheerful personable learned and extremely talented in many ways but he came from a well educated and successful scottish and welsh stock 3 sarah traced her lineage to two of virginia s oldest and most accomplished families the winstons and the dabneys john henry was a member of hanover county s ruling circle and he became one of the most powerful figures in the county by maneuvering relatives into six of the twelve county judgeships 4 patrick henry s childhood home was a rectangular box covered with whitewashed clapboards it was the center of family life and he grew up an indolent dreamy frolicsome creature he had a mild benevolent humane personality before washington before jefferson before franklin or john adams there was lee richard henry lee the first founding father richard henry lee was first to call for independence first to call for union and first to call for a bill of rights to protect americans against government tyranny a towering figure in america s revolutionary war lee was as much the father of our country as george washington for it was lee who secured the political and diplomatic victories that ensured washington s military victories lee was critical in holding congress together at a time when many members sought to surrender or flee the approach of british troops risking death on the gallows for defying british rule lee charged into battle himself to prevent british landings along the virginia coast despite losing most of his left hand in an explosion a stirring action packed biography first founding father will startle most americans with the revelation that many historians have ignored for more than two centuries richard henry lee not thomas jefferson was the author of america s original declaration of independence on thursday december 16 1773 an estimated seven dozen men many dressed as indians dumped roughly 10 000 worth of tea in boston harbor whatever their motives at the time they unleashed a social political and economic firestorm that would culminate in the declaration of independence two and a half years later the boston tea party provoked a reign of terror in boston and other american cities as tea parties erupted up and down the colonies the turmoil stripped tens of thousands of their homes and property and nearly 100 000 left forever in what was history s largest exodus of americans from america nonetheless john adams called the boston tea party nothing short of magnificent saying that it must have important consequences combining stellar scholarship with action packed history harlow giles unger reveals the truth behind the legendary event and examines its lasting consequence the spawning of a new independent nation a gripping often startling biography of the founding father of an america that other founding fathers forgot an america of women african americans jews roman catholics quakers indentured workers the poor the mentally ill and war veterans ninety percent of americans could not vote and did not enjoy rights to life liberty or the pursuit of happiness when our founding fathers proclaimed all men are created equal alone among those who signed the declaration of independence benjamin rush heard the cries of those other deprived americans and stepped forth as the nation s first great humanitarian and social reformer remembered primarily as america s leading most influential physician rush led the founding fathers in calling for abolition of slavery equal rights for women improved medical care for injured troops free health care for the poor slum clearance citywide sanitation an end 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its weapons and powder though he was never paid or acknowledged by the united states to some he was a dashing hero a towering intellect who saved the american revolution to others he was pure rogue a double dealing adventurer who stopped at nothing to advance his fame and fortune in fact he was both and more an advisor to kings an arms dealer and author of some of the most enduring works of the stage including the marriage of figaro and the barber of seville thousands roared their welcome to the 34 gun french frigate sailing into charleston south carolina in april 1793 at the bow stood a colorfully dressed young frenchman doffing his feathered chapeau and waving to the cheering throng the frenchman was the celebrated edmond charles genêt the first french ambassador to the u s what the welcoming crowd did not could not know was that citizen genêt as he was called was also a master spy carrying two sets of instructions one set directed him to establish warm diplomatic relations the other told him to find his mole in the washington administration secretary of state thomas jefferson and overthrow george washington s government the genêt affair details america s first and most thrilling real life spy story espionage intrigue and a touch of romance fill this real life drama in american history by new york times best selling author harlow giles unger before washington before jefferson before franklin or john adams there was lee richard henry lee the first founding father richard henry lee was first to call for independence first to call for union and first to call for a bill of rights to protect americans against government tyranny a towering figure in america s revolutionary war lee

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confident young nation even when independence was fragile and the future unclear enjoying complete access to webster's papers letters essays and diaries unger explores with unique clarity and depth the role his subject played as a close ally of george washington john adams and john jay and as a key player in the heated battle to ratify the constitution this updated edition of the award winning three volume reference includes more than 2 000 entries spanning the colonial period to the present a wealth of information covers virtually every aspect of education from the evolution of school curriculum education funding and church state controversies to the latest debates on multiculturalism prayer in school and sex education author harlow g unger one of the country's foremost education experts has substantially updated existing entries and added more than 40 new entries appendixes include significant federal legislation important u s supreme court decisions and lists of undergraduate majors 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sovereignty liberty will be lost and tyranny will result george washington countered calling henry an enemy of liberty the ratification process began and over the next nine months america warred with itself as each state joined in what became america's second revolution just as the first revolution had brought americans together the second threatened to rip the nation apart as washington's federalists battled henry's antifederalists mobs ran riot in the streets of philadelphia new york and providence the wealthy elite supported the new constitution and a strong central government while a majority of ordinary people opposed both and populist leaders such as henry and new york governor george clinton geared for violent conflict between the states to preserve state sovereignty by mid march 1788 eight of the nine states required for ratification of the constitution had ratified but virginia the largest and the wealthiest state stood firm with new york against union and without them the new nation would be as fragile as the parchment on which the constitution had been written with the fate of the country in the balance washington could only hope for a miracle to save the nation from all out civil war and disunion in america's second revolution award winning author harlow giles unger tells the gripping story of that miracle the harrowing events that led up to it and the men who made it possible rich and powerful they displayed humor sarcasm fire brilliance ignorance hypocrisy warmth anger bigotry and hatred their struggle pitted friend against friend brother against brother father against son but in the end they helped create a new government a new nation and ultimately a new civilization

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he is perhaps best known as the courageous plaintiff in three lawsuits 1965 1997 against the government seeking to end certification of textbooks which even today constrains discussion of japan s involvement in china and in the pacific war minear contextualizes ienaga s career and brings the story to the present with a masterly introduction of the man and his times and excerpts from ienaga s court testimony and recent interviews illustrated with photos and textbook extracts this volume will be widely read and used by japan specialists as well as all scholars and general readers concerned with issues of academic freedom and war and peace visit our website for sample chapters in this lively and compelling biography harlow giles unger reveals the dominant political figure of a generation a fierce fighter in four critical revolutionary war battles and a courageous survivor of valley forge and a near fatal wound at the battle of trenton james monroe 1751 1831 went on to become america s first fulltime politician dedicating his life to securing america s national and international durability decorated by george washington for his exploits as a soldier monroe became a congressman a senator u s minister to france and britain governor of virginia secretary of state secretary of war and finally america s fifth president the country embraced monroe s dreams of empire and elected him to two terms the second time unanimously mentored by each of america s first four presidents monroe was unquestionably the best prepared president in our history like david mccullough s john adams and jon meacham s recent book on andrew jackson this new biography of monroe is both a solid read and stellar scholarship history in the grand tradition acclaim for the french war against america a very readable and provocative tale of early franco american relations that will please some and infuriate others john buchanan author of the road to valley forge how washington built the army that won the 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but the respect of all noah webster helped create far more than an american dictionary he helped create an american nation from the prologue in the first major biography of noah webster in over sixty years author harlow unger creates an intriguing portrait of the united states as an energetic and confident young country even when independence was fragile and the future unclear harlow unger brilliantly restores webster s monumental legacy as a teacher legislator philosopher lawyer editor and one of history s most profoundly influential lexicographers breathtaking adventure from the american revolution to the war of 1812 and masterful scholarship converge in this riveting chronicle of a singularly american intellect

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"MR. PRESIDENT" 2013-10-29 although the framers gave the president little authority george washington knew whatever he did would set precedents for generations of future leaders to ensure their ability to defend the nation he simply ignored the constitution when he thought it necessary in a revealing new look at the birth of american government mr president describes washington s presidency in a time of continual crisis as rebellion and attacks by foreign enemies threatened to destroy this new nation constantly weighing preservation of the union against preservation of individual liberties and states rights washington assumed more power with each crisis in a series of brilliant but unconstitutional maneuvers he forced congress to cede control of the four pillars of executive power war finance foreign affairs and law enforcement drawing on rare documents and letters unger shows how washington combined political cunning and sheer genius to seize ever widening powers impose law and order while ensuring individual freedom and shape the office of president of the united states

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Lafayette 2021 in this action packed history award winning author harlow giles unger unfolds the epic story of patrick henry who roused americans to fight government tyranny both british and american remembered largely for his cry for liberty or death henry was actually the first and most colorful of america s founding fathers first to call americans to arms against britain first to demand a bill of rights and first to fight the growth of big government after the revolution as quick with a rifle as he was with his tongue henry was america s greatest orator and courtroom lawyer who mixed histrionics and hilarity to provoke tears or laughter from judges and jurors alike henry s passion for liberty as well as his very large family suggested to many americans that he not washington was the real father of his country this biography is history at its best telling a story both human and philosophical as unger points out henry s words continue to echo across america and inspire millions to fight government intrusion in their daily lives

Lion of Liberty 2011-11-08 from new york times bestselling author and founding fathers biographer harlow giles unger comes the astonishing biography of the man whose pen set america ablaze inspiring its revolution and whose ideas about reason and religion continue to try men s souls thomas paine s words were like no others in history they leaped off the page inspiring readers to change their lives their governments their kings and even their gods in an age when spoken and written words were the only forms of communication paine s aroused men to action like no one else the most widely read political writer of his generation he proved to be more than a century ahead of his time conceiving and demanding unheard of social reforms that are now integral elements of modern republican societies among them were government subsidies for the poor universal housing and education pre and post natal care for women and universal social security an englishman who emigrated to the american colonies he formed close friendships with benjamin franklin thomas jefferson and james madison and his ideas helped shape the declaration of independence and the bill of rights however the world turned against paine in his

later years while his earlier works common sense and rights of man attacked the political and social status quo here on earth the age of reason attacked the status quo of the hereafter former friends shunned him and the man america had hailed as the muse of the american revolution died alone and forgotten packed with action and intrigue soldiers and spies politics and perfidy unger's thomas paine is a much needed new look at a defining figure

Thomas Paine and the Clarion Call for American Independence 2019-09-10 he fought for washington served with lincoln witnessed bunker hill and sounded the clarion against slavery on the eve of the civil war he negotiated an end to the war of 1812 engineered the annexation of florida and won the supreme court decision that freed the african captives of the amistad he served his nation as minister to six countries secretary of state senator congressman and president john quincy adams was all of these things and more in this masterful biography award winning author harlow giles unger reveals quincy adams as a towering figure in the nation's formative years and one of the most courageous figures in american history which is why he ranked first in john f kennedy's pulitzer prize winning profiles in courage a magisterial biography and a sweeping panorama of american history from the washington to lincoln eras unger's john quincy adams follows one of america's most important yet least known figures

John Quincy Adams 2012-09-04 in a critical and little known chapter of early american history author harlow giles unger tells how a fearless young kentucky lawyer threw open the doors of congress during the nation's formative years and prevented dissolution of the infant american republic the only freshman congressman ever elected speaker of the house henry clay brought an arsenal of rhetorical weapons to subdue feuding members of the house of representatives and established the speaker as the most powerful elected official after the president during fifty years in public service as congressman senator secretary of state and four time presidential candidate clay constantly battled to save the union summoning uncanny negotiating skills to force bitter foes from north and south to compromise on slavery and forego secession his famous missouri compromise and four other compromises thwarted civil war by a power and influence lincoln said which belonged to no other statesman of his age and times explosive revealing and richly illustrated henry clay is the story of one of the most courageous and powerful political leaders in american history

Henry Clay 2015-09-29 a hero in america's war against british tyranny john marshall with his heroics as chief justice turned the supreme court into a bulwark against presidential and congressional tyranny and saved american democracy in this startling biography award winning author harlow giles unger reveals how virginia born john marshall emerged from the revolutionary war's bloodiest battlefields to become one of the nation's most important founding fathers america's greatest chief justice marshall served his country as an officer congressman diplomat and secretary of state before president john adams named him the nation's fourth chief justice the longest serving in american history marshall transformed the supreme court from an irrelevant appeals court into a powerful branch of government and provoked the ire of thousands of americans who like millions today accused him and the court of issuing decisions that were tantamount to new laws and constitutional amendments and the court's critics were right marshall admitted as much with nine decisions that shocked the nation john marshall and his court assumed powers to strike down laws it deemed unconstitutional in doing so marshall's court acted without constitutional authority but its decisions saved american liberty by protecting individual rights and the rights of private business against tyranny by federal state and local government

John Marshall 2014-09-30 every american interested in understanding the american character and the american past should read this book there are vivid history lessons on almost every page the constitution becomes not merely a brilliant blueprint for governance it is and was also the only alternative to chaos thomas fleming author of the perils of peace acclaim for the unexpected george washington it's hard to imagine george washington as playful tender or funny but harlow unger searches to find these seldom seen aspects of the private man and the result is a fare more complete and believable founding father james c rees executive director historic mount vernon an intimate view of the american hero who managed to follow his ambitions to great power without being disdained for them publishers weekly

America's Second Revolution 2007-10-05 he was a rich powerful aristocrat a merchant king who loved english culture and fashion and above all he was a loyal british subject with ambitions of a lordship and a grand retirement estate in england there simply was no doubt about it john hancock was the least likely man in boston to start a rebellion how then did this tory patrician become one of the staunchest supporters of the american revolution john hancock's overnight transformation from british loyalist to fiery rebel and first governor of the independent state of massachusetts is one of the least known but most gripping stories of the american revolution now acclaimed author harlow giles unger introduces us to the founding father whose name is as recognizable as george washington's but whose thrilling life story is all but untold applying his historical expertise and storytelling gift unger details the fascinating life of one of our most extraordinary business and political leaders the first signer of the declaration of independence as unger reveals in this unflinching portrait hancock was one of the most paradoxical figures of his time arguably the wealthiest man in the american colonies he unabashedly reveled in his riches adoring all the foppish trappings he could buy but his commitment to individual liberty eventually transformed him into a fervent revolutionary venerated equally by his establishment peers at harvard as he was by the rebels the minutemen who did the fighting and the boston street mobs who declared him their hero even as they burned the homes of other aristocrats to repay their respect he sacrificed his fortune and risked death by hanging to win independence from the british a brilliant orator he combined his wealth and political skills to unite boston's merchant and working classes into an armed might that forced britain's vaunted professional army to evacuate boston assuring the success of the revolution america's first great philanthropist and humanitarian hancock rebuilt whole neighborhoods devastated by boston's periodic fires fed the poor sent orphans to college and bought the city its first fire engine he rebuilt the city and the magnificent boston common after the vicious british devastation and the people of massachusetts elected and reelected him their governor for the rest of his life nine terms in all here is the fascinating story of the man with the most recognizable signature in american

history intertwining hancock s story with that of the colorful samuel adams his fellow bostonian and harvard man who was both comrade in arms and political enemy unger etches a finely drawn portrait of one of the revolutionary war s greatest and possibly least known leaders

John Hancock 2000-09-21

2006-12 please note this is a companion version not the original book sample book insights 1 the first courtroom appearance of patrick henry jr was in the parsons cause a case that had religious and political implications for both virginia and england if henry lost the case many would lose their homes and lands 2 patrick henry was a lawyer and he was assigned to represent the plaintiff in the trial he had three previous careers that had all ended in failure he was intelligent hard working cheerful personable learned and extremely talented in many ways but he came from a well educated and successful scottish and welsh stock 3 sarah traced her lineage to two of virginia s oldest and most accomplished families the winstons and the dabneys john henry was a member of hanover county s ruling circle and he became one of the most powerful figures in the county by maneuvering relatives into six of the twelve county judgeships 4 patrick henry s childhood home was a rectangular box covered with whitewashed clapboards it was the center of family life and he grew up an indolent dreamy frolicsome creature he had a mild benevolent humane personality

Summary of Harlow Giles Unger's Lion of Liberty 2022-05-25T22:59:00Z before washington before jefferson before franklin or john adams there was lee richard henry lee the first founding father richard henry lee was first to call for independence first to call for union and first to call for a bill of rights to protect americans against government tyranny a towering figure in america s revolutionary war lee was as much the father of our country as george washington for it was lee who secured the political and diplomatic victories that ensured washington s military victories lee was critical in holding congress together at a time when many members sought to surrender or flee the approach of british troops risking death on the gallows for defying british rule lee charged into battle himself to prevent british landings along the virginia coast despite losing most of his left hand in an explosion a stirring action packed biography first founding father will startle most americans with the revelation that many historians have ignored for more than two centuries richard henry lee not thomas jefferson was the author of america s original declaration of independence

First Founding Father 2017-11-07 on thursday december 16 1773 an estimated seven dozen men many dressed as indians dumped roughly 10 000 worth of tea in boston harbor whatever their motives at the time they unleashed a social political and economic firestorm that would culminate in the declaration of independence two and a half years later the boston tea party provoked a reign of terror in boston and other american cities as tea parties erupted up and down the colonies the turmoil stripped tens of thousands of their homes and property and nearly 100 000 left forever in what was history s largest exodus of americans from america nonetheless john adams called the boston tea party nothing short of magnificent saying that it must have important consequences combining stellar scholarship with action packed history harlow giles unger reveals the truth behind the legendary event and examines its lasting consequence the spawning of a new independent nation

American Tempest 2011-03-08 a gripping often startling biography of the founding father of an america that other founding fathers forgot an america of women african americans jews roman catholics quakers indentured workers the poor the mentally ill and war veterans ninety percent of americans could not vote and did not enjoy rights to life liberty or the pursuit of happiness when our founding fathers proclaimed all men are created equal alone among those who signed the declaration of independence benjamin rush heard the cries of those other deprived americans and stepped forth as the nation s first great humanitarian and social reformer remembered primarily as america s leading most influential physician rush led the founding fathers in calling for abolition of slavery equal rights for women improved medical care for injured troops free health care for the poor slum clearance citywide sanitation an end to child labor free universal public education humane treatment and therapy for the mentally ill prison reform and an end to capital punishment using archival material from edinburgh london paris and philadelphia as well as significant new materials from rush s descendants and historical societies harlow giles unger s new biography restores benjamin rush to his rightful place in american history as the founding father of modern american medical care and psychiatry

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Lion of Liberty 2010-10-26 this delightful rogue of many talents set up a company to front for the french and spanish regimes secretly supplying weapons munitions clothing and food to the struggling rebels american historythe outrageous true story of the french plot to supply arms and ammunition to washington s continental army and the bold french spy inventor playwright and rogue behind it all pierre augustin caron de beaumarchais was an eighteenth century french inventor famed playwright and upstart near aristocrat in the court of king louis xvi in 1776 he conceived an audacious plan to send aid to the american rebels what s more he convinced the king to bankroll the project and singlehandedly carried it out by war s end he had supplied washington s army with most of its weapons and powder though he was never paid or acknowledged by the united states to some he was a dashing hero a towering intellect who saved the american revolution to others he was pure rogue a double dealing adventurer who stopped at nothing to advance his fame and fortune in fact he was both and more an advisor to kings an arms dealer and author of some of the most enduring works of the stage including the marriage of figaro

and the barber of seville

Improbable Patriot 2011 thousands roared their welcome to the 34 gun french frigate sailing into charleston south carolina in april 1793 at the bow stood a colorfully dressed young frenchman doffing his feathered chapeau and waving to the cheering throng the frenchman was the celebrated edmond charles genêt the first french ambassador to the u s what the welcoming crowd did not know was that citizen genêt as he was called was also a master spy carrying two sets of instructions one set directed him to establish warm diplomatic relations the other told him to find his mole in the washington administration secretary of state thomas jefferson and overthrow george washington's government the genêt affair details america's first and most thrilling real life spy story espionage intrigue and a touch of romance fill this real life drama in american history by new york times best selling author harlow giles unger

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First Founding Father 2017-11-07 acclaim for the french war against america a very readable and provocative tale of early franco american relations that will please some and infuriate others john buchanan author of the road to valley forge how washington built the army that won the revolution harlow unger has written an amazing tour de force revealing france's two faced role in the american revolution and the early republic the book also has enormous relevance for contemporary politics don't miss it thomas fleming author of liberty the american revolution praise for lafayette harlow unger has cornered the market on muses to emerge as america's most readable historian his new biography of the marquis de lafayette combines a thoroughgoing account of the age of revolution a probing psychological study of a complex man and a literary style that goes down like cream florence king contributing editor national review

The French War Against America 2005-03-29 this biography restores webster's monumental legacy as a teacher legislator philosopher lawyer crusading editor and one of history's most profoundly influential lexicographers in the first major biography of noah webster in over sixty years author harlow unger creates an intriguing portrait of the united states as an energetic and confident young nation even when independence was fragile and the future unclear enjoying complete access to webster's papers letters essays and diaries unger explores with unique clarity and depth the role his subject played as a close ally of george washington john adams and john jay and as a key player in the heated battle to ratify the constitution

Noah Webster 1998-09-24 this updated edition of the award winning three volume reference includes more than 2 000 entries spanning the colonial period to the present a wealth of information covers virtually every aspect of education from the evolution of school curriculum education funding and church state controversies to the latest debates on multiculturalism prayer in school and sex education author harlow g unger one of the country's foremost education experts has substantially updated existing entries and added more than 40 new entries appendixes include significant federal legislation important u s supreme court decisions and lists of undergraduate majors and graduate school programs more than 10 new photographs have been added and more than half a dozen experts in education served as editorial consultants

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into every major event of the early history of our nation from the revolutionary war to the war of 1812 he touched the lives of the most renowned americans and the most obscure he earned the love and friendship of many the hatred of some but the respect of all noah webster helped create far more than an american dictionary he helped create an american nation from the prologue in the first major biography of noah webster in over sixty years author harlow unger creates an intriguing portrait of the united states as an energetic and confident young country even when independence was fragile and the future unclear harlow unger brilliantly restores webster s monumental legacy as a teacher legislator philosopher lawyer editor and one of history s most profoundly influential lexicographers breathtaking adventure from the american revolution to the war of 1812 and masterful scholarship converge in this riveting chronicle of a singularly american intellect

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