



# Mamie Eisenhower Library Project

*2010 List*

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## *Our History Is Our Future*

**“If we forget what we did, we won’t know who we are.”**

— *Ronald Reagan, Farewell Address to the nation.*

**If we don’t know where we have been and how we came to be this wonderful country, we will fall for the latest fad or charismatic speaker.**

**Please consider these books as the “Owners’ Manuals for the United States of America.”**

### **To Start, A Quick Choice:**

**We Still Hold These Truths: Rediscovering Our Principles, Reclaiming Our Future,** Matthew Spalding. 2009. The Heritage Foundation.

(All books are available at Amazon.com or at a specific publisher, if listed. Some books are published by houses that specialize in older works. Most are available in paperback, and some in hardback, Kindle, and/or audio-book formats. If you find that a book is out of print, please let us know. Every attempt was made to confirm a book’s availability before listing it here.)

## **ADULTS AND AP HISTORY STUDENTS**

### **Back to Basics: Founding Documents and Founding Fathers**

**The Declaration of Independence**

**The Constitution of the United States of America, Including the Bill of Rights**

**Federalist Papers,** Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay. (multiple publishers.)

**The Federalist Papers: Modern English Edition Two,** Editor: Mary E. Webster. 1999.

**Common Sense**, Thomas Paine. Applewood Book, Bedford, MA.  
<http://www.awb.com/catalog/default.php>

**George Washington's Farewell Address**, George Washington. Applewood Books, Bedford, MA. <http://www.awb.com/catalog/default.php>

**George Washington's Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour**, George Washington. Applewood Books, Bedford, MA. <http://www.awb.com/catalog/default.php>

**The Quotable Founding Fathers**, edited by Buckner F. Melton, Jr. 2005.

**The American Patriot's Almanac**, William J. Bennett and John T.E. Cribb. 2008.

**A Patriot's History of the United States: From Columbus's Great Discovery to the War on Terror**, Larry Schweikart and Michael Patrick Allen. Hardcover. To be released May 27, 2010. Paperback is available. 2007.

**The Founders and the Classics: Greece, Rome, and the American Enlightenment**, Carl J. Richard. Paperback. 1995.

**American Creation**, Joseph Ellis. Paperback. 2008.

**The Founding Brothers**, Joseph Ellis. Paperback. 2002.

**Samuel Adams: A Life**, Ira Stoll. Paperback. 2009.

**Portia, the World of Abigail Adams**, by Edith B. Gelles. Paperback. 1995.

**Abigail Adams: A Biography**, Phyllis Lee Levin. Paperback. 2001.

**Dearest Friend, A Life of Abigail Adams**, Lynne Withey. Paperback. 2002.

**John Adams**, David McCullough. Paperback. 2008.

**Franklin, the Essential Founding Father**, by James Srodes. Paperback. 2002.

**Ben Franklin: An American Life**, Walter Isaacson. Paperback. 2003.

**The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin**, Benjamin Franklin. Paperback.

**Liberty's Daughters: the Revolutionary Experience of American Women 1750-1800**, by Mary Beth Norton. Paperback. 1996.

**The Real George Washington: The True Story of American's Most Indispensable Man**, Jay A. Parry. Paperback. 1991. (American Classics Series).

**Poor Richard's Almanack** by Benjamin Franklin.

## **Conservative Thought**

**The Conservative Mind: From Burke to Santyana**, Russell Kirk. Paperback. 1953.  
**Edmund Burke: A Genius Reconsidered**, Russell Kirk. Paperback. 2009.

**The Conscience of a Conservative**, Barry Goldwater. Paperback. 1960

**Liberty and Tyranny: A Conservative Manifesto**, Mark R. Levin. Hardcover. 2009.

**Men in Black**, Mark Levin. Paperback. 2006.

**Back to Basics for the Republican Party**, Michael Zak. Paperback. 2003.

**Making Patriots**, Walter Berns. Paperback. The University of Chicago Press. 2001.

## **Economics**

**Economics in One Lesson: The Shortest and Surest Way to Understand Basic Economics**, Henry Hazlitt. Paperback, Three Rivers press. 1988.

**Capitalism and Freedom**, Milton Friedman. Paperback. 1962.

**The Virtue of Selfishness**, Ayn Rand. Paperback. 1964.

**Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal**, Ayn Rand, Alan Greenspan, Nathaniel Branden, and Robert Hessen. Paperback. 1989.

**Rational Individualism: A Moral Argument for Limited Government and Capitalism**, Dr. Michael Beitler. Paperback. 2008.

**How Capitalism Will Save Us: Why Free People and Free Markets Are the Best Answer in Today's Economy**. Steve Forbes. Hardcover. 2009.

**How Capitalism Saved America: The Untold History of Our Country, from the Pilgrims to the Present**, Thomas J. DiLorenzo. Paperback. 2005.

## **Statesmanship**

**George Washington: The Indispensable Man**, James Thomas Flexner. Paperback. 1974.

**Abraham Lincoln: A Biography**, Benjamin P. Thomas. Paperback. 2008.

**With Reagan: The Inside Story**, Edwin Meese, III. Hardcover.1992.

**Goldwater: The Man Who Made a Revolution**, Lee Edwards. Paperback. 1995.

**Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave, Written by Himself**, Introduction by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Paperback.1997.

## **American History**

**The Birth of the Republic, 1763-89**, Edmund S. Morgan. Paperback. 1956.

**The Five Thousand Year Leap: 28 Great Ideas That Changed the World** by W. Cleon Skousen. Paperback, 2009.

**Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America**, David Hackett Fischer. Paperback.1989.

**The Roots of American Order**, Russell Kirk. Paperback. 1974.

**Novus Ordo Seclorum: The Intellectual Origins of the Constitution**, Forrest McDonald. Paperback.1985.

**Miracle at Philadelphia: The Story of the Constitutional Convention, May to September 1787**; Catherine Drinker Bowen. Paperback.1966.

**The Heritage Guide to the Constitution**, ed. Matthew Spalding and David Forte. Hardcover.2005.

**America: The Last Best Hope, Volume I: From the Age of Discovery to a World at War**, William J. Bennett. Hardcover/Paperback. 2006.

**A History of the American People**, Paul Johnson. Paperback. 1999.

**American Government: Power and Purpose** (Full Tenth Edition (with policy chapters) - 2008 Election Update), Benjamin Ginsberg \$ 97.00

**Witness to America: A Documentary History of the United States from the Revolution to Today**, Douglas Brinkley. Hardcover to be released June 29, 2010.

**A Patriot's History of the United States: From Columbus's Great Discovery to the War on Terror**, Larry Schweikart and Michael Patrick Allen. Hardcover. To be released May 27, 2010. Paperback is available. 2007.

## **World History**

**The Roads to Modernity: The British, French, and American Enlightenments**, Gertrude Himmelfarb. Paperback. 2004.

**The Birth of the Modern: World Society 1815-1830**, Paul Johnson. Paperback. 1991.

## **Public Policy**

**Statecraft as Soulcraft: What Government Does**, George F. Will. Paperback. 1983.

## **Literature**

**1984**, George Orwell. Paperback. 1948.

**Atlas Shrugged**, Ayn Rand. Paperback. 1957.

**Advise and Consent: A Novel of Washington Politics**, Allen Drury. Paperback. 1959.

**The Bonfire of the Vanities**, Thomas Wolfe. Paperback. 1987.

## **CHILDREN**

**How to Raise an American: 1776 Fun and Easy Tools, Tips, and Activities to Help Your Child Love This Country**, Myrna Blyth and Chriss Winston. Paperback. 2008.

**Mayflower 1620: A New Look at a Pilgrim Voyage**, Plimoth Plantation with Peter Arenstam, John Kemp, and Catherine O'Neill Grace. Paperback. 2007.

**1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving**, Catherine O'Neill Grace and Margaret M. Bruchac with Plimoth Plantation. Paperback. 2004.

**Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Girl (Sarah Morton's Day)**, Kate Waters. Paperback. 2008.

**Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution**, Natalie S. Bober. Paperback. 1998.

**Books by Lynne Cheney:**

**A is for Abigail, An Almanac of Amazing American Women**, Hardcover. 2003.

**America, A Patriotic Primer**, Hardcover. 2002.  
**When Washington Crossed the Delaware, A Wintertime Story for Young Patriots**, Hardcover. 2004.  
**We the People, The Story of Our Constitution**, Hardcover. 2008.

**Books by Judith St. George:**

**Take the Lead, George Washington.** With Daniel Powers. Hardcover. 2005.  
**The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.** Hardcover. 2009.  
**The Journey of the One and Only Declaration of Independence.** With Will Hillenbrand. Hardcover. 2005.  
**Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln.** With Matt Faulkner. Hardcover. 2005.  
**You're On Your Way, Teddy Roosevelt.** With Matt Faulkner. Hardcover. 2004.

**Books by Russell Freedman:**

**Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence**, Paperback. 2002.  
**Washington at Valley Forge**, Hardcover. 2008.  
**Lafayette and the American Revolution.** Hardcover to be released October 15, 2010.  
**Lincoln: A Photobiography.** Paperback. 1989.  
**Indian Chiefs**, Paperback. 1992.

**The Signers: The 56 Stories Behind the Declaration of Independence**, Dennis Brindell Fradin. Hardcover. 2003.

**The Constitution of the United States of America**, Sam Fink. Hardcover. 2006.

**The Founders: The 39 Stories Behind the U.S. Constitution**, Dennis Brindell Fradin. Hardcover. 2005.

**The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal**, Cheryl Harness. Paperback. 1999.

**Minty, A Story of Young Harriet Tubman**, Alan Schroeder. Paperback. 2000.

**Pink and Say**, Patricia Polacco. Hardcover. 1994.

**The Ballot Box Battle**, Emily McCully. Paperback. 1998. (Elizabeth Cady Stanton)

**Patriotic Pups**, Nancy Kay Arnold. .."a lively retelling of the events of the American Revolution. Following the proceedings are endearing puppies that find homes with American patriots, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other great Americans. The pups follow their patriotic owners through the famous events of crossing the Delaware River, writing the Declaration of Independence, and other historical incidents.". Our own NFRW member! Paperback. 2008.

**Books by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire**

**George Washington**, Paperback.

**Ben Franklin**, Paperback.

**Abraham Lincoln**, Hardcover/Paperback.

**The Star Spangled Banner**, Paperback.

Available from Beautiful Feet Books and some on Amazon.

<http://www.bfbooks.com/s.nl/sc.1/f>

**Books by James Daugherty.** “Before James Daugherty (1889-1974) became a noted author, he was a well-established artist having illustrated more than forty books by other authors. Mr. Daugherty is primarily remembered for his inspired expression of the American spirit in both visual and literary form, a spirit characterized by appreciation for the heroes of democracy.” Beautiful Feet Books. (Reprints)

**Poor Richard (Biography of Benjamin Franklin)**, Paperback.

**Abraham Lincoln**, Paperback.

**Of Courage Undaunted, Across the Continent with Lewis and Clark**, Paperback.

**The Magna Carta** “ a wonderful saga of the thirteenth century. Daugherty devotes the last part of the book to a history of the ‘documents’ of freedom—what he calls the ‘Children of the Magna Charta’—demonstrating how liberty has progressed over the ages.” Beautiful Feet Books.(Reprints) Paperback.

<http://www.bfbooks.com/s.nl/sc.1/f>

**Books by Genevieve Foster:** "Nothing is more critical, I believe, than that children growing up in these critical explosive days should be given an understanding of American history as a part of the history of the world. Every year this grows more urgent, as increasingly rapid communication integrates world events more closely and the impact of foreign affairs on our own lives becomes more serious and immediate." Genevieve Foster wrote this nearly fifty years ago. It resonates with perhaps more truth today. As a result of this clarion call we have sold many of her enduring "World" titles because of the timeless nature of her books. Her writing style is clear, concise and fluid with her greatest strength as a storyteller being her ability to bring her readers right into the minds and times of her characters.” Beautiful Feet Books. (Reprints)

**George Washington’s World**, Paperback.

**Abraham Lincoln’s World**, Paperback.

**The World of William Penn**, Paperback.

<http://www.bfbooks.com/s.nl/sc.1/f>

**Unforgettable Americans Series** by Jean Fritz: (all available and in paperback)

**You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?**

**Where was Patrick Henry on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May**

**Who’s that Stepping on Plymouth Rock?**

**George Washington’s Breakfast**

**Why Don’t You Get a Horse, Sam Adams?**

**Can’t You Make Them Behave, King George?**

**And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?**

**Why Not, Lafayette?**  
**Shh! We're Writing the Constitution!**  
**What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?**  
**Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?**  
**Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt!**  
**The Great Little Madison**  
**Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln!**  
**Who's Saying What in Jamestown, Thomas Savage?**

**Eating the Plates, A Pilgrim Book of Food and Manners**, Lucille Recht Penner.  
Paperback. 1997.

**Dear America Series:**

**A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple, Mayflower, 1620**; Kathryn Lasky. Hardcover. 1996.  
**The Winter of Red Snow, The Revolutionary War Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 1777**, Kristiana Gregory. 2003. (To be Re-released 9-14-10).  
**A Time For Courage: The Suffragette Diary of Kathleen Bowen, Washington, D.C. 1917**, Kathryn Lasky. Hardcover. 2002.

**Young Patriots Series:**

**Phillis Wheatley: Young Revolutionary Poet**, Kathryn Kilby Borland, Helen Ross Speicher. Paperback. 2005.  
**John Hancock: Independent Boy**, Kathryn Cleven Sisson and Cathy Morrison. Paperback. 2005.  
**Frederick Douglass: Young Defender of Human Rights**, Elisabeth P. Myers and Cathy Morrison. Paperback. 2007.  
**Alexander Hamilton: Young Statesman**, Helen Boyd Higgins and Cathy Morrison. Paperback. 2008.

**My America Series:** (all available and in paperback)

**Our Strange New Land**, Patricia Hermes.  
**The Starving Time: Elizabeth's Jamestown Colony Diary**, Patricia Hermes.  
**Five Smooth Stones: Hope's Revolutionary War Diary**, Kristina Gregory.  
**We Are Patriots**, Kristina Gregory.  
**Freedom's Wings: Corey's Underground Railroad Diary**, Sharon Dennis Wyeth.

**The American Revolution**, Bruce Bliven, Jr. Paperback. 1981.

**Toliver's Secret**, Ester Wood Brady. Paperback. 1993.

**The Secret of Sarah Revere**, Ann Rinaldi. Paperback. 1995.

**Thank you to all who submitted suggestions.**

**Check back for additional titles.**

The NFRW Literacy Committee found the following guide useful, and included some of the books listed within as part of this list. The committee also employed Lee Edwards' categories for organizing the list.

**Reading the Right Books: A Guide for the Intelligent Conservative.** Edited by Lee Edwards. 2009. The Heritage Foundation.

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