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64.
Beard, Charles A., ed. THE ENDURING FEDERALIST. NY: Doubleday, 1948. 1st ed., 391p., illus., appendix. Distinguished historian Charles Beard produced one of the most useful editions of the Federalist Papers in 1948 by editing and analyzing 85 of the letters, choosing those that most directly influenced the later evolution of the Constitution as a living document. Instructive and illuminating. Clipped d.j.; lt. sun; lt. ch. etrems.; else v.g. \$45.00
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Callahan, North. FLIGHT FROM THE REPUBLIC: THE TORIES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1967. 1st ed., 208p., illus. No aspect of the American Revolution has been more neglected than the effect of the war on the Tories who remained loyal to the British Crown. In this companion volume to Callahan's *Royal Raiders*, he tells the story of roughly 100,000 refugees who fled the birth of the Republic and their radical former neighbors. V.g.; d.j. Inscribed and signed by Callahan. \$40.00
66.
Callo, Joseph. JOHN PAUL JONES: AMERICA'S FIRST SEA WARRIOR. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2006. 2nd printing, 250p., illus. Callo's fresh look at John Paul Jones goes beyond the narrow naval context of previous biographies and sees the naval hero as a player in the Revolution who played an important part in the birth of the Navy. As new; d.j. \$29.95
67.
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68.
Chernow, Ron. WASHINGTON: A LIFE. NY: 2010. 2nd printing, 928p., illus. This groundbreaking work, based on massive research, dashes forever the stereotype of a stolid, unemotional man, bringing to vivid life a passionate man of fiery opinions and many moods; exploring his fraught relationship with his mother, his youthful infatuation with married Sally Fairfax, his often conflicted feelings toward his adopted children, and providing a detailed portrait of his marriage to Martha and his complex behavior as a slave master. Ron Chernow also gives us an astute portrait of a canny political genius. A magisterial work! Signed; lt. rub. d.j. Now quite collectible! \$195.00
69.
Decatur, Stephen, Jr. PRIVATE AFFAIRS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON: FROM THE RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS OF TOBIAS LEAR, ESQUIRE, HIS SECRETARY. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1933. Ltd. ed. 138/160, ft., illus. Stephen Decatur, Jr. collected edited and annotated an enormous collection of records kept by his ancestor. The whole work paints a detailed picture of the first president's daily life in the White House and at Mount Vernon. A scarce work and valuable reference. D.j. ch. & clipped; lt. tone; else v.g., d.j. Signed. \$175.00
70.
Diamant, Lincoln. BERNARD ROMANS: FORGOTTEN PATRIOT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. MILITARY ENGINEER AND CARTOGRAPHER OF WEST POINT AND THE HUDSON VALLEY. New York: Harbor Hills Books, 1985. 1st ed., 160p., ft., illus. Romans decided to forego a Crown "pension" and throw in his lot with the patriots. The cause of independence gained one of the preeminent cartographers and military engineers of the day. A concise yet complete biography of a neglected hero of the Revolution. V.g. d.j. \$35.00
71.
Dickerson, Oliver Morton, compiler. BOSTON UNDER MILITARY RULE, 1768-1769, AS REVEALED IN A JOURNAL OF THE TIMES. Boston: Chapman & Grimes, 1936. 1st ed., ltd to 1,022 copies, 137p., device. A valuable first-hand account of the political powder keg in Boston that finally ignited a revolution. Published in limited quantity, hard to find in D.J. V.g.; lt. stain d.j. \$85.00
72.
Douglas, Robert B., ed. A FRENCH VOLUNTEER OF THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE. MEMOIRS OF THE CHEVALIER DE PONTGIBAUD. Paris: Charles Carrington, 1898. 2nd ed., 209(3)p., ft. The Chevalier de Pontgibaud's memoirs show a lifetime of adventures that include, but by no means are restricted to, service with LaFayette and Washington during the American Revolution. While the publishers advertised this as a second edition, it is for practical purposes the first. The original version of these memoirs were privately printed, and even in 1898 commanded enormous sums on the rare book market. This was not because of the memoirist's story, but rather because the original publication was one of the few published by the spectacularly failed enterprise of Honore de Balzac, who then abandoned the publishing business and became one of the most celebrated novelists in French history. Lt. tone; lt. sun; lt. ch. etrems.; previous owners' signatures; else v.g. SOLD

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73.
Greene, Jerome A. THE GUNS OF INDEPENDENCE: THE SIEGE OF YORKTOWN, 1781. NY: Savas Beatie, 2005. 1st ed., 507p., maps, illus. Given its importance in history, the Siege of Yorktown has benefited from few traditional military histories. Jerome Greene's *The Guns of Independence* appreciates the earth-shaking political consequences of the siege's outcome but concentrates on understanding the operational aspects of the campaign, treating Washington, Rochambeau and Cornwallis as military leaders making decisions in real time and not as avatars symbolizing higher causes. Near fine; d.j. Signed. \$45.00
74.
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75.
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76.
Hudleston, F. J. GENTLEMAN JOHNNY BURGOYNE: MISADVENTURES OF AN ENGLISH GENERAL IN THE REVOLUTION. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1927. 367p., illus., maps, illus. eps. The life of the lovable but luckless British general is a fascinating story long before he surrenders to Horatio Gates at Saratoga. Francis Hudleston was the librarian of the British War Office and had access to material never previously used by biographers. D.j. clipped & ch. w/ minor loss; tape residue; else v.g.; d.j. \$35.00
77.
Knox, Dudley W. THE NAVAL GENIUS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON. With a Foreword by Admiral Hilary P. Jones. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1932. 137(1)p., ft. illus. General George Washington proved himself a more than able naval strategist during the Revolutionary War, even though he relied on French sea power and leadership to carry out his vision. By a U.S. Navy veteran and naval scholar. Lt. underlining and marginalia; lt. ch. d.j. w/ minor loss. Else v.g. & scarce. \$75.00
78.
Lemay, J. A. Leo. THE LIFE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (3 volumes). JOURNALIST, 1706-1730 / PRINTER AND PUBLISHER, 1730-1747 / SOLDIER, SCIENTIST, AND POLITICIAN, 1748-1757. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006-2009. 1st eds., 3 vols., illus., illus. eps. Leo Lemay capped a career of scholarship on Benjamin Franklin and the Revolutionary period with this magisterial biography. The 3 volumes, while rich in detail, take the founding father up to the year 1757. "Lemay's magnificent opus manages to be accessible and interesting for the general reader while also valuable for the specialist..." Library Journal. All vols. As new; d.j. \$125.00
79.
McCaleb, Walter Flavius. THE AARON BURR CONSPIRACY. EXPANDED EDITION WITH INTRODUCTION BY DR. CHARLES A. BEARD. NY: Wilson-Erickson, 1936. 318p., ft., illus. McCaleb's was the first sympathetic biography of Aaron Burr, originally written in 1903. This expanded version released in 1936 re-introduced Burr to the public as an intellectual and statesman. Charles Beard pithily states that Burr "lived too long." Had he not killed Alexander Hamilton or run afoul of Thomas Jefferson, he would be remembered as a patriot and distinguished founding father. V.g.; d.j. \$65.00
80.
McCullough, David. JOHN ADAMS. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2001. 1st ed., 704p., illus., illus. eps., maps. David McCullough's *John Adams* is a powerful, deeply moving biography that reads like an epic historical novel, taking as its subject the extraordinary man who became the second president of the United States and whose adventurous life and spirited rivalry with Thomas Jefferson encompasses both the American Revolution and the birth of the young republic. Deftly and with a brilliant eye for detail, McCullough describes the childhood, youth, and coming of age of Adams, the fiercely driven Massachusetts farmer-lawyer whose marriage to Abigail is one of the great real-life love stories, and of his rival Jefferson, the Virginia planter and slaveowner. Through their lives, McCullough explores the extraordinary factors that transformed thirteen colonies into a united nation and that eventually brought these two distinctly dissimilar men to the presidency. Near fine; d.j. Signed. \$150.00
81.
Meacham, Jon. THOMAS JEFFERSON: THE ART OF POWER. New York: 2012. 1st ed., 759p., illus., illus. eps. Inscribed and signed; as new; d.j. We think of Jefferson as the embodiment of noble ideals, but Meacham shows that he was a practical politician more than a moral theorist. The result is a fascinating look at how Jefferson wielded his driving desire for power and control." --- Walter Isaacson. "This is probably the best single-volume biography of Jefferson ever written." --- Gordon S. Wood. If you don't have this already, here's your chance! \$125.00

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82.

Montross, Lynn. RAG, TAG AND BOBTAIL: THE STORY OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY 1775-1783. NY: Harper, 1952. 1st ed., 519p., illus., maps, illus. eps. Lynn Montross told the military history of the Revolutionary War from the point of view of the rebel army. A World War I veteran, Montross brought a unique perspective to the war that gave the soldier's eye view. V.g.; d.j. \$75.00

83.

Moore, Horatio M. LIFE AND SERVICES OF GEN. ANTHONY WAYNE / THE LIFE AND TIMES OF GEN. FRANCIS MARION... Philadelphia: John B. Perry, 1845. 1st eds., 208(6)p., 210p., fts., all leather, (Howes H-770 & 771). A scarce work. Two books bound in one giving early biographies of two military heroes of the Revolutionary War. Featuring two entries in Howes' bibliography *USiana*. Leather over boards lightly chipped with a cut across the spine; only minor loss; Handsome red leather & gilt uncommonly free of sunning. \$225.00

84.

Palmer, John McAuley. WASHINGTON LINCOLN WILSON: THREE WAR STATESMEN. Garden City: Doubleday, Doran & Co., 1930. 1st ed., 417p., ft., illus. Palmer, a staff officer for General John J. Pershing in World War I reviewed the military policies of the three subject presidents. He decided that Washington advocated a policy of military readiness that was later neglected, much to the disadvantage of Lincoln and later Wilson. This first edition copy is in uncommonly nice condition with the dust jacket folded in the original advertising wrap. V.g.; d.j. Unique! \$225.00

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86.

Syrett, Harold C., ed. THE PAPERS OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON. NY: Columbia University Press, 1961-1965. 9 vols., fts. The first fully annotated collection of all the writings that are known to exist by and to Alexander Hamilton – more than 17,000 items. Complete set. Valuable. All volumes show usual wear; lt. ch. of d.j.'s; else v.v; d.j.'s. \$375.00

87.

Wood, Gordon S. THE RADICALISM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1992. 2nd printing, 447(2)p. In this major work of historical, cultural, social, and political analysis, Gordon Wood overturns long held theories about the nature and effects of the American Revolution. He shows that it was not, as has often been claimed, a conservative movement, a defense against British encroachments on American rights. To the contrary, it was as radical as any revolution in modern history and produced a society that was free and democratic far beyond anything thought possible or desirable by the founding fathers. Winner 1993 *Pulitzer Prize* for History. V.g.; d.j. Clean. SOLD

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