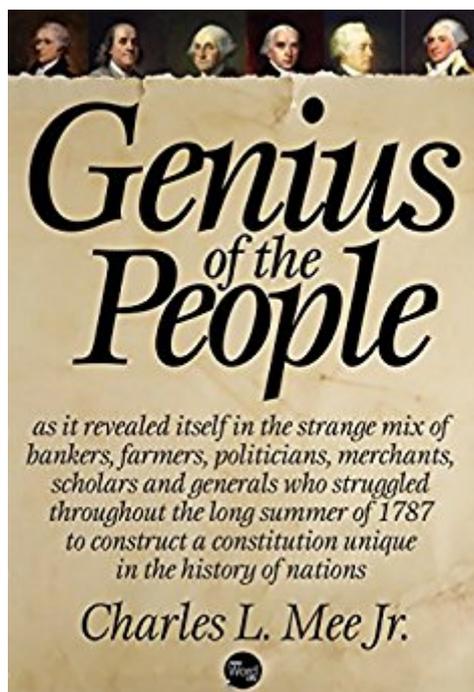


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Genius Of The People



Synopsis

"Charles Mee has recreated the vivid drama of 1787 . . . Genius of the People is an absorbing look at the incomparable personalities who brought us our Constitution."- Michael Beschloss
Genius of the People is a timely account of the birth of America's national government during the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Charles L. Mee Jr. vividly describes the personalities, issues, conflicts, compromises, and implications of an epoch-making meeting of brilliant and not-so-brilliant political leaders, whose vision and shortsightedness still direct our lives today.

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Customer Reviews

Particularly in the America we are now inhabiting, anything that promotes knowledge and better understanding of what our forefathers had in mind in framing our constitution is appreciated. I particularly liked the author's emphasis on the very human personalities and passionate viewpoints held by these farsighted people. I found it enlightening to see how these people were challenged to craft a document that held positive regard for widely divergent political and personal viewpoints,

while trying to address the unforeseen, but anticipated, roadblocks of creating a new country. The humanity of these people, with their faults and foibles, really came through. There were times in the book when I realized that today we are LIVING some of the situations that our forefathers feared and were determined to prepare for. It gave me hope that in SPITE of this, referencing our present political climate, our nation prevailed by the grace of inclusion, tolerance, and thankfully, checks and balances.

This book is very well-written and easy to read! I was worried it would be a bit dry (like a lot of history texts) and I would be falling asleep, but it's kept me engaged from the beginning!

A very interesting and insightful book on how this country was founded. It really puts you behind the scenes and reveals the politics, manipulations, and back room bargaining that went on in the framing of the Constitution. The idea that there were high minded principles that dominated this convention is shredded in this book. There is so much that is revealed in this book about these personalities that it is a must read to really understand how we got the Constitution. It is most interesting that the framers relied on many other constitutions, including some from native Americans. A great read and well written.

A most informative review of the convention and the characters that shaped the basis of our government. The reader almost feels he/she is present for the great debates and enjoying the interesting characters of this most illustrious cast. Excellent.

It was very interesting in its description of the constituting convention. I strongly recommend it for anyone who wants to learn about the concerns in defining what our government should look like and what powers could be given to the various branches. It seems that the concerns still exist in today's United States.

Highly recommended history of how the United States Constitution came to be. It is the story of conflict between Local government versus a National government and the Grand Compromise which gave us the checks and balances today.

Absolutely astonishing. Reads more like a play than history, and is always stranger than fiction. If you never read another book on the making of the Constitution, you had better read this one. If you

never have, then this better be your first. Will spoil you for the rest. It is a work of near-genius quite apropos of the title!

This was an incredibly "readable" discussion of the process of writing the Constitution. The author managed to weave an engaging account of a process that was at times confusing, and often boring.

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