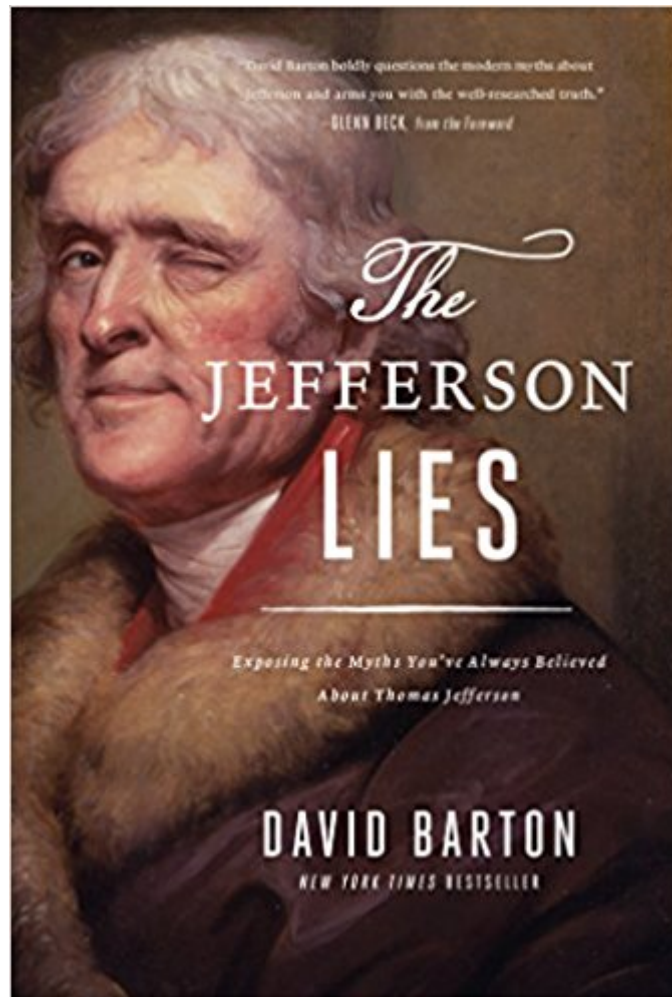


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The Jefferson Lies: Exposing The Myths You've Always Believed About Thomas Jefferson



Synopsis

The American public was nearly deprived of the opportunity to read this book. In 2012 popular historian David Barton set out to correct what he saw as the distorted image of a once-beloved Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson, in what became a New York Times best-selling book, *The Jefferson Lies*. Despite the wildly popular success of the original hardcover edition, or perhaps because of it, a campaign to discredit Barton's scholarship was launched by bloggers and a handful of non-historian academics. What happened next was shocking virtually unprecedented in modern American publishing history. Under siege from critics, the publisher spiked the book and recalled it from the retail shelves from coast to coast. *The Jefferson Lies* is thus a history book that made history becoming possibly the first book of its kind to be victimized by the scourge of political correctness. But more than three years later, it's back as an updated paperback edition in which Barton sets the record straight and takes on the critics who savaged his work. And that's just part of the story. Why did this book spark so much controversy? It could only happen in an America that has forgotten its past. Its roots, its purpose, its identity all have become shrouded behind a veil of political correctness bent on twisting the nation's founding, and its Founders, beyond recognition. The time has come to remember again. This new paperback edition of *The Jefferson Lies* re-documents Barton's research and conclusions as sound and his premises true. It tackles seven myths about Thomas Jefferson head-on, and answers pressing questions about this incredible statesman including: Did Thomas Jefferson really have a child by his young slave girl, Sally Hemings? Did he write his own Bible, excluding the parts of Christianity with which he disagreed? Was he a racist who opposed civil rights and equality for black Americans? Did he, in his pursuit of separation of church and state, advocate the secularizing of public life? Through Jefferson's own words and the eyewitness testimony of contemporaries, Barton repaints a portrait of the man from Monticello as a visionary, an innovator, a man who revered Jesus, a classical Renaissance man, and a man whose pioneering stand for liberty and God-given inalienable rights fostered a better world for this nation and its posterity. For America, the time to remember these truths is now.

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Customer Reviews

About all I knew about Thomas Jefferson was that he was highly intelligent, he owned slaves, and he wrote the Declaration of Independence before I read *The Jefferson Lies*. David Barton has set many records straight with documented proof. As a former English teacher, I always told my students when doing research to go to primary sources when possible for the truth because a person usually records his/her deep, heartfelt feelings in his/her personal writings such as diaries, journals, and letters. David Barton did just that in researching many myths and lies attributed to Jefferson. I vote for *The Jefferson Lies* to be put on the reading list in American history classes. I also believe that if other David Barton books about our founding fathers and the founding of America were discussed in American history classes, our black students would learn that black people played some important roles in the founding process of America before that dark chapter of slavery. Could it be that the Progressives have intentionally skewed the history to keep the race anger problem alive? I wonder how many readers are aware that a black preacher preached to large crowds in the US Capitol every Sunday for years. What a difference a couple hundred years make!

The founders were men of intellect who reviewed all forms of government from history to attempt to make the best government for the U.S. Modern era ideologues who want to tear down personal liberty have created myths to impugn our founders. Thankfully we have a man whose passion is saving and preserving documents of our founders. This book is the fruit of his labors. Thank you Mr. Barton.

very well researched and written. I guess one can change meanings and make things appear differently to suit one's views but when it comes straight from the person's own personal diaries and writings then we should if we are wise, we will take them just as they are written. I thought the book very true to the way we used to believe before all the naysayers came along to rewrite things to suit

their agendas.

David Barton has used only original source material for this book. With almost 1000 foot notes, you can look it up yourself! This is a must read. All of those that try to debunk his work are merely blowing smoke. This book is fantastic. Truly worth the read.

Well, it really makes me wonder about the 1 stars. No one said you have to agree with anyone or even like them. But when you have "Christians" whose life purpose seems to be to tear another down, somethings wrong! If Thomas Jefferson wrote in his own hand that his favorite color was blue, these folks would no doubt call it sloppy, misleading and poor scholarship! Mr Barton can lay actual documents in front of you, backing his claims. What can you do? All I ever see from you all is criticism no documentation. Tell you what, you put your documentation up against his, side by side. Do it on national TV. That would be funny! Great book, great info. Highly recommended!!

You know this is an important book to read when you see the vicious attacks from the left. David Barton has really struck a nerve with the left. They very much do not want their lies exposed and it is very important to them to smear and destroy this book with more lies and distortion. David Barton has thoroughly documented the facts in this book. It is time for people to think for themselves - read the book and decide for yourself, instead of being brainwashed by the left's propaganda. David used the attacks on the first version of this book to do additional research to provide even more documentation for his findings to further strengthen his case. You must read this book.

David Barton provides amazing insights and reflections while harpooning the ridiculous allegations made against Thomas Jefferson. I wish every American could read it. The average high school student, when asked to name one salient fact about Thomas Jefferson, would probably include Sally Hemings in his or her answer. That is a tragedy. In addition to writing the Declaration, Jefferson fought the Islamic Barbary pirates by sending the first American Naval ships and Marines to Tripoli and beyond, not to mention the Louisiana Purchase and other marvels of his presidency. This fine book helps shed light on Jefferson's brilliance and accomplishments. Maybe mothers and fathers, along with uncles, aunts, and grandparents, can educate young people on the actual Thomas Jefferson. In many ways, he remains the most quintessential of Americans.

I read the original and it was amazing. A lot of stuff I knew or had heard the facts on once or twice

growing up but David brings it all together and GIVES YOU THE DOCUMENTATION. Stop the lies and read this book.

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