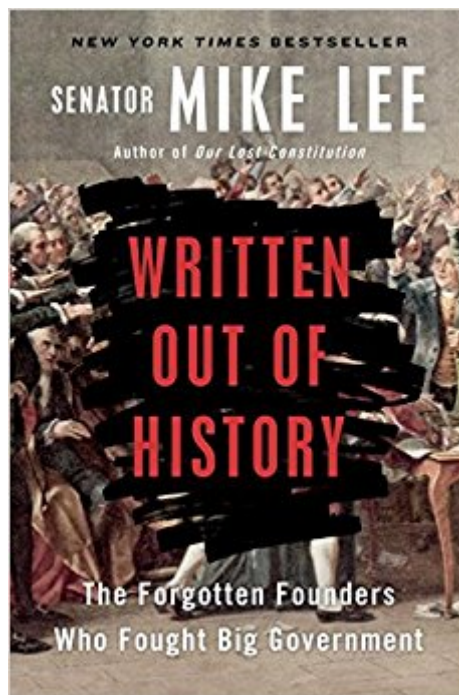




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# Written Out Of History: The Forgotten Founders Who Fought Big Government



## Synopsis

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! Some of America's most important founders have been erased from our history books. In the fight to restore the true meaning of the Constitution, their stories must be told. In the earliest days of our nation, a handful of unsung heroes—including women, slaves, and an Iroquois chief—made crucial contributions to our republic. They pioneered the ideas that led to the Bill of Rights, the separation of powers, and the abolition of slavery. Yet, their faces haven't been printed on our currency or carved into any cliffs. Instead, they were marginalized, silenced, or forgotten—sometimes by an accident of history, sometimes by design. In the thick of the debates over the Constitution, some founders warned about the dangers of giving too much power to the central government. Though they did not win every battle, these anti-Federalists and their allies managed to insert a system of checks and balances to protect the people from an intrusive federal government. Other forgotten figures were not politicians themselves, but by their thoughts and actions influenced America's story. Yet successive generations have forgotten their message, leading to the creation of a vast federal bureaucracy that our founders would not recognize and did not want. Senator Mike Lee, one of the most consistent and impassioned opponents of an abusive federal government, tells the story of liberty's forgotten heroes. In these pages, you'll learn the true stories of founders such as... Aaron Burr who is depicted in the popular musical *Hamilton* and in history books as a villain, but in reality was a far more complicated figure who fought the abuse of executive power. Mercy Otis Warren, one of the most prominent female writers in the Revolution and a protégé of John Adams, who engaged in vigorous debates against the encroachment of federal power and ultimately broke with Adams over her fears of the Constitution. Canasatego, an Iroquois chief whose words taught Benjamin Franklin the basic principles behind the separation of powers. The popular movement that swept Republicans into power in 2010 and 2016 was led by Americans who rediscovered the majesty of the Constitution and knew the stories of Hamilton, Madison, and Washington. But we should also know the names of the contrarians who argued against them and who have been written out of history. If we knew of the heroic fights of these lost founders, we'd never have ended up with a government too big, too powerful, and too unresponsive to its citizens. The good news is that it's not too late to remember and to return to our first principles. Restoring the memory of these lost individuals will strike a crippling blow against big government.

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Refreshing look at some of the key values that formulated our exceptional system of government and how influences behind and sometimes against the major historical political figures and ideas of the time, tempered the various elements into a new and robust alloy, unlike any before.

I found this book very hard to put down. I really learned a lot about some of the most amazing founding fathers who are really unknown yet stood up to big government. Sen Mike Lee has done an amazing job in his historical research great gift for a friend or family member or book club. Would like to recommend also *the lost constitution* by Sen Mike Lee *the freedom agenda* by Sen Mike Lee *a more perfect union* by Ben Carson and *legends and lies the patriots* by Bill O'Reilly

Wow, I enjoyed this book! I learned about some folks I'd never heard of, and also learned important details about some I had heard of. I really enjoyed this history!

Loved it!

Great reading.

Mike Lee does it again. He makes history of the founding riveting and compelling. This is not history that is taught in our schools anymore, and is a must buy for every homeschooling family in America and anyone who is worried about the lack of civic education in our country. The portraits of these lost founders are so well written and deeply researched as the dozens of pages of endnotes attest. Anyone who cares about our Constitution needs to go out and buy this book and another one to give to a neighbor or friend!

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