

His Work

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin by Benjamin Franklin

Experiments and Observations on Electricity by Benjamin Franklin

The Way to Wealth by Benjamin Franklin

A Benjamin Franklin Reader by Benjamin Franklin, edited by Walter Isaacson

Silence Dogood, The Busy-Body, & Early Writings by Benjamin Franklin, edited by J.A. Leo Lemay

[*The Papers of Benjamin Franklin*](#) (Volumes I-XLIII and counting) edited by Ellen R. Cohn, et al

His Life

To Begin the World Anew: The Genius and Ambiguities of the American Founders by Bernard Bailyn

The First American: The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin by H.W. Brands

The First Scientific American: Benjamin Franklin and the Pursuit of Genius by Joyce Chaplin

Stealing God's Thunder: Benjamin Franklin's Lightning Rod and the Invention of America by Philip Dray

Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation by Joseph J. Ellis

The Loyal Son: The War in Ben Franklin's House by Daniel Mark Epstein

Benjamin Franklin: An American Life by Walter Isaacson

The Life of Benjamin Franklin (Volumes I-III) by J.A. Leo Lemay

Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin by Jill Lepore

The Private Franklin: The Man and His Family by Claude-Anne Lopez

A Great Improvisation: Franklin, France, and the Birth of America by Stacy Schiff

William Franklin: Son of a Patriot, Servant of a King by Sheila L. Skemp

Benjamin and William Franklin: Father and Son, Patriot and Loyalist by Sheila L. Skemp

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World edited by Page Talbott

Benjamin Franklin by Carl Van Doren

Runaway America: Benjamin Franklin, Slavery, and the American Revolution by David Waldstreicher

The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin by Gordon S. Wood

His Times

The British Are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775-1777 by Rick Atkinson

The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution by Bernard Bailyn

Rebels and Gentlemen: Philadelphia in the Age of Franklin by Carl Bridenbaugh

Moral Capital: Foundations of British Abolitionism by Christopher Leslie Brown

The Scratch of a Pen: 1763, and the Transformation of North America by Colin G. Calloway

The Club: Johnson, Boswell, and the Friends Who Shaped and Age by Leo Damrosch

The War Before the War: Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America's Soul from the Revolution to the Civil War by Andrew Delbanco

A Fragile Freedom: African American Women and Emancipation in the Antebellum City by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America by David Hackett Fischer

John Adams by David McCullough

The Glorious Cause: The American Revolution, 1763-1789 by Robert Middlekauff

Firsting and Lasting: Writing Indians out of Existence in New England by Jean M. O'Brien

American Colonies by Alan Taylor

Lafayette in the Somewhat United States by Sarah Vowell

Ebony & Ivy: Race, Slavery, and the Troubled History of America's Universities by Craig Steven Wilder
Not All Wives: Women of Colonial Philadelphia by Karin Wulf