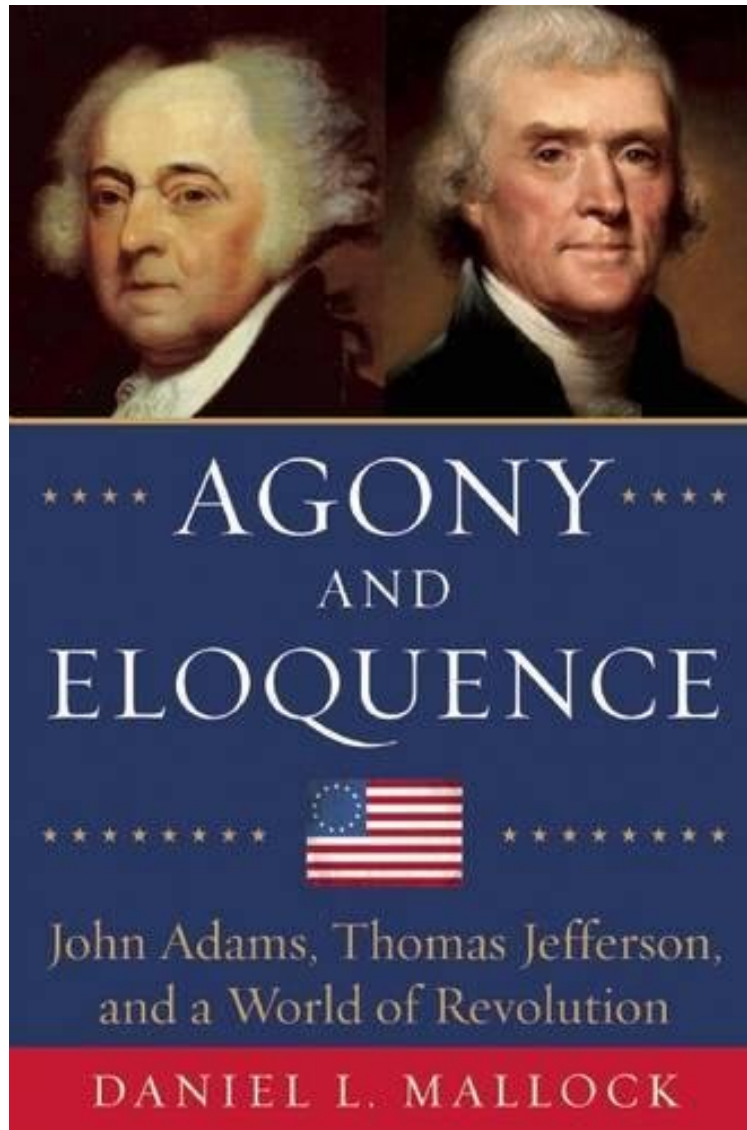


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decline of that friendship, and its recurrence due to the efforts of Dr. Benjamin Rush after Jefferson's presidency ended. The book reads well and is to the point. Other books, of course, have dealt, in one way or another, with the friendship explored here. But that is the focus of this work--not one part of a longer work on Jefferson or Adams. They came to know one another as the colonies' relationship with British Empire began to worsen dramatically. They worked together in the Continental Congress and served on the committee to draft a rationale for breaking ties with the Empire and declaring independence. Their friendship deepened as they served abroad in a diplomatic assignment. Too, Abigail Adams, John's wife, became friends with Jefferson--who reciprocated. However, as the book details, politics undid the friendship. Jefferson became skeptical of Washington's presidency (and especially Cabinet members such as Alexander Hamilton). When Adams was elected to follow Washington--with Jefferson serving as Vice President--their friendship was undermined. When Jefferson assumed the presidency, there was no rapprochement between the two. After Jefferson left the presidency, a mutual friend--Dr. Benjamin Rush--strove to ignite a renewal of their friendship. He succeeded quite well. From that point to the ends of their lives (on the same day--July 4), their friendship was renewed and their correspondence dealt with a wide array of issues. A fine book on an important American friendship. . . . 19 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Great minds (sometimes) think alike By Tom O'Bedlam In *Agony and Eloquence* Daniel Mallock illuminates the decades-long relationship between two of our founding fathers, one that would rise and fall in its friendship but never in its mutual respect. He provides context for their political and societal disagreements by providing essential descriptions of the world in transition in which they lived. One might expect Mr. Mallock to favor Mr. Adams in his critique as they are both natives of Quincy, yet his approach is even-handed, showing the finery and faults of each of these great men. This book is quite an accomplishment, and I look forward to the author's next endeavor. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. *Early American Democracy: Conflicts Behind the Scenes* By Alfred C. Baumgart Received on time and product was exactly as advertised. I learned more from this book regarding politics in the formation of our great nation. This book taught me more about politics over 200 yrs ago and brought a lot of depth with detail to my thoughts. Not much has changed in politics and this book helped me understand the true conflicts our forefathers were dealing with. I cannot recommend a better book to understand how great people can be quickly vilified to serve the agendas of competing politicians. It never occurred to me that this could be as brutal to these people who had the courage to stand up and fight for the great nation we live in.

The drama of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson is the foundational story of American courage, loyalty, hope, fanaticism, greatness, failure, forgiveness, love. *Agony and Eloquence* is the story of the greatest friendship in American history and the revolutionary times in which it was made, ruined, and finally renewed. In the wake of Washington's retirement, longtime friends Thomas Jefferson and John Adams came to represent the opposing political forces struggling to shape America's future. Adams's victory in the presidential election of 1796 brought Jefferson into his administration but as an unlikely and deeply conflicted vice president. The bloody Republican revolution in France finally brought their political differences to a bitter pitch. In Mallock's take on this fascinating period, French foreign policy and revolutionary developments from the fall of the Bastille to the fall of the Jacobins and the rise of Napoleon form a disturbing and illuminating counterpoint to events, controversies, individuals, and relationships in Philadelphia and Washington. Many important and fascinating people appear in the book, including Thomas Paine, Camille Desmoulins, Dr. Benjamin Rush, Tobias Lear, Talleyrand, Robespierre, Danton, Saint-Just, Abigail Adams, Lafayette, James Madison, John Quincy Adams, Dr. Joseph Priestley, Samuel Adams, Philip Mazzei, John Marshall, Alexander Hamilton, and Edward Coles. They are brought to life by Mallock's insightful analysis and clear and lively writing. *Agony and Eloquence* is a thoroughly researched and tautly written modern history. When the most important thing is at stake, almost anything can be justified. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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