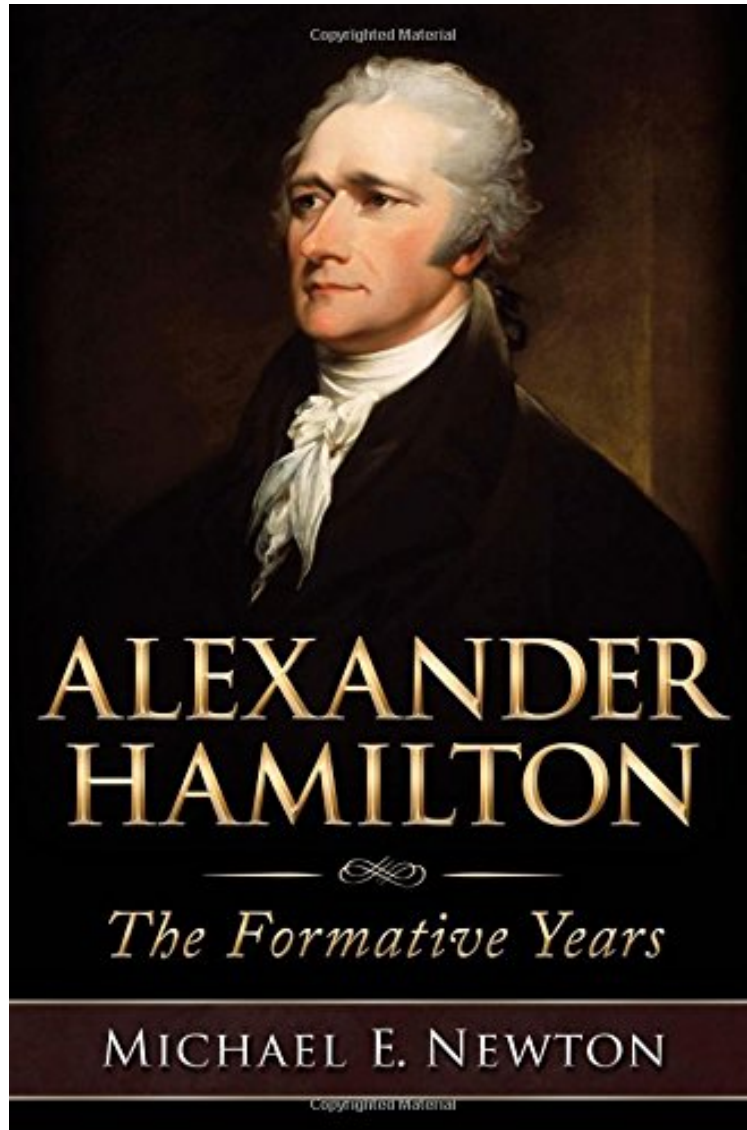


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Even though Alexander Hamilton was among the most important Founding Fathers, less is known about his early life than that of any other major Founder. Relatively few records have been found regarding Hamilton's birth, childhood, and origins in the West Indies. Alexander Hamilton "rarely . . . dwelt upon his personal history" and never recorded his life's story. Most of Hamilton's correspondence prior to 1777 was lost during the American Revolution. This has resulted in many gaps in Alexander Hamilton's biography, which has given rise to much conjecture regarding the details of his life. Relying on new research and extensive analysis of the existing literature, Michael E. Newton presents a more comprehensive and accurate account of Alexander Hamilton's formative years. Despite being orphaned as a young boy and having his birth be "the subject of the most humiliating criticism," Alexander Hamilton used his intelligence, determination, and charisma to overcome his questionable origins and desperate situation. Hamilton worked for a mercantile company on St. Croix, moved to the mainland, penned political pamphlets, enlisted in the militia, commanded an artillery company, served as General Washington's "principal and most confidential aid" for four years, was given command of a battalion of light troops, and led the assault on Redoubt Ten at Yorktown. Thus, by the age of just twenty-five, Alexander Hamilton had proven himself to be one of the most intelligent, brave, hard-working, and patriotic Americans. *Alexander Hamilton: The Formative Years* tells the dramatic story of how this poor immigrant emerged from obscurity and transformed himself into the most remarkable Founding Father. In riveting detail, Michael E. Newton delivers a fresh and fascinating account of Alexander Hamilton's origins, youth, and indispensable services during the American Revolution.

From the Back Cover In 1800, the topic of Alexander Hamilton's birth was the subject of criticism to which Hamilton remarked "there is much mistake." He implored his friends to help set the record straight. Most biographers in the succeeding 215 years did little to correct this mistake or the many others regarding Hamilton's life. Michael E. Newton's quest to separate fact from fiction fulfills Hamilton's plea and provides to those who defend his legacy a comprehensive and thoroughly researched tool to promote the true early life of Alexander Hamilton. These corrections to the record combined with new discoveries make this work a most exciting historiography of Alexander Hamilton.