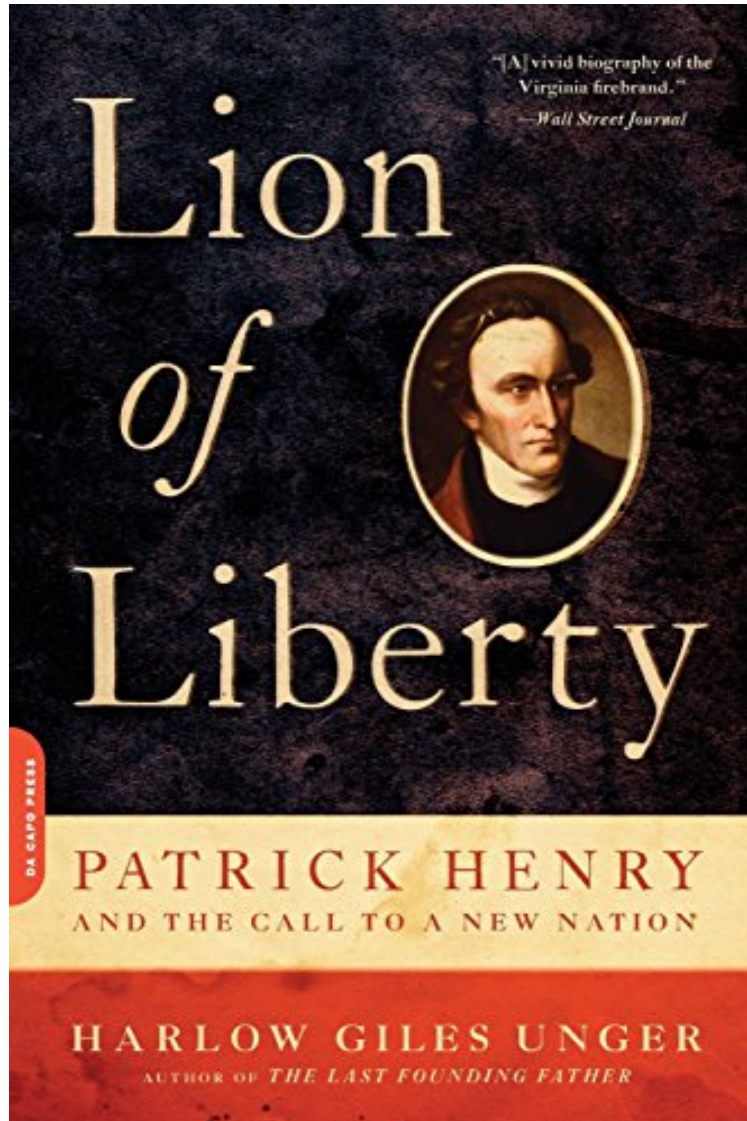


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from suppressive government both in the 13 colonies as well as Parliament and the King. His rhetoric was first experienced as he fought for his version of the Virginia Resolves around 1763. If the residents couldn't live as freemen with the same blessings of liberty that English citizens enjoyed, then it was time to take up arms and fight for man's inalienable rights. At the same time, other colonies were writing their version of these resolves, but the Virginia Colony through the House of Burgesses was one of the leaders in expressing and passing these God-given rights that all men should enjoy. Henry described the type of Government that should be present in the colonies. And remember that initially he wasn't pushing for separation from the crown. He simply wanted the right to govern the colony through a representative form of government that Britain would recognize and accept. And there was no room for any type of taxation upon the colonies whether it was through import duties or outright taxation. The cry of no taxation without representation was heard often. And the colonist in time declared independence and made the sacrifice for what became better known as "the cause." Navigation Act, Sugar Act, and Stamp Acts all fed the fire of independence. And when Patrick Henry said "Liberty or Death", he was speaking for most people in all thirteen colonies. The American Revolution was borne!

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Revolutions have various types of leaders: those who are there at the beginning (Samuel Adams) military icons (Washington) intellectuals (John Adams and Thomas Jefferson) propagandists (Thomas Paine) and old-fashioned troublemakers. Patrick Henry falls into this last category. He was an early convert to revolution against England and he resisted strong government authority till his last days. This solid biography by Harlow Giles Unger (who specializes in the Founders) tells Henry's tale from his early hard scrabble days on the Virginia frontier to his resistance against the Constitutional Convention in 1787. (When asked to attend the Constitutional Convention he responded "I smell a rat") Henry was an early opponent to England's power and it is all here from the Parson's Cause to his "If this be Treason" speech to the speech that everyone knows which ends with the responding cry "Give me Liberty or Give me Death". This is more than just a political biography; it also delves into Henry's personal life including his tragic first marriage. It can be argued who were the revolutions' greatest leaders, but it can not be argued that Patrick Henry was a radical firebrand whose oratorical gifts helped push often reluctant people toward revolution. He deserves to be remembered for more than one speech and this biography does him justice. He was not a believer in a strong central government like Washington; he envisioned a republic where the individual states held sway, but his actions and leadership helped bring about American freedom and this study brings him to life.

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Good book by a very good author about a great man that we know far too little about! "Give me Liberty or Give me Death!" only has meaning when you know the man, history and his place in it.

In this action-packed history, award-winning author Harlow Giles Unger unfolds the epic story of Patrick Henry, who roused Americans to fight government tyranny both British and American. Remembered largely for his cry for liberty or death, Henry was actually the first (and most colorful) of America's Founding Fathers: first to call Americans to arms against Britain, first to demand a bill of rights, and first to fight the growth of big government after the Revolution. As quick with a rifle as he was with his tongue, Henry was America's greatest orator and courtroom lawyer, who mixed histrionics and hilarity to provoke tears or laughter from judges and jurors alike. Henry's passion for liberty (as well as his very large family), suggested to many Americans that he, not Washington, was the real father of his country. This biography is history at its best, telling a story both human and philosophical. As Unger points out, Henry's words continue to echo across America and inspire millions to fight government intrusion in their daily lives.

This biography adds to our further knowledge of the men who were our Founding Fathers.

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