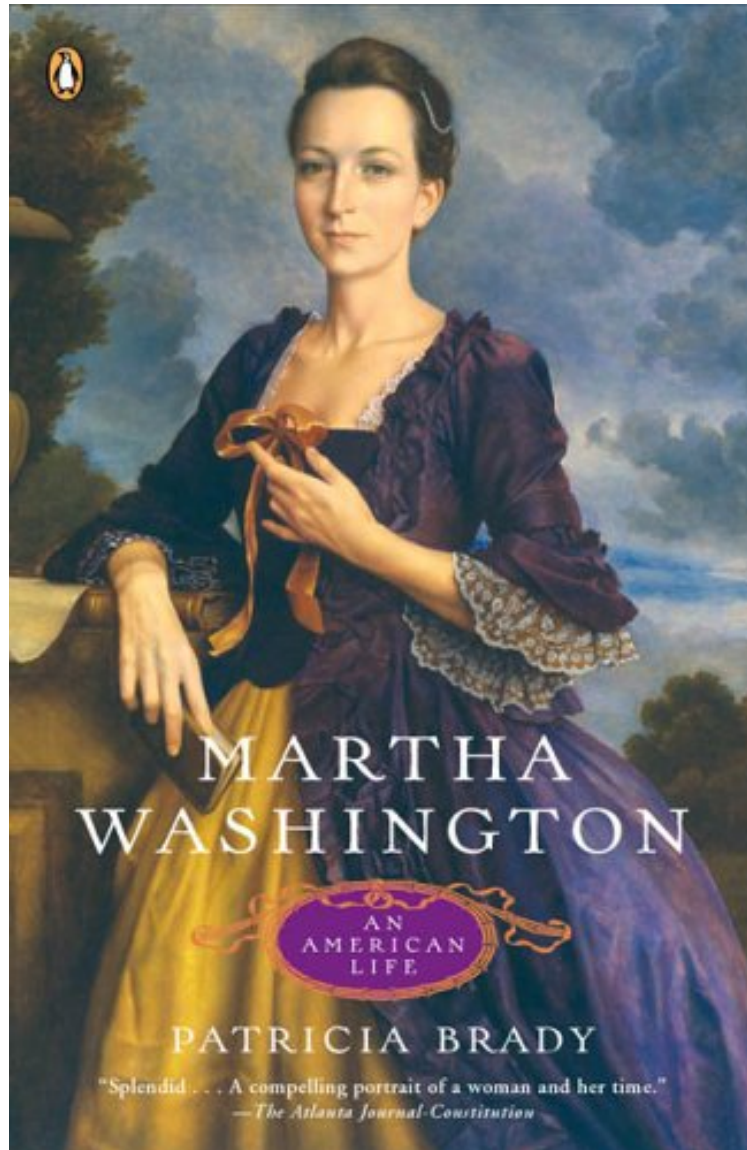


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Patricia Brady : Martha Washington: An American Life before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Martha Washington: An American Life:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Know the woman who should be legendBy BekahKnitsReally get to know the first First Lady. More than an emotional opinion, this book has the research and context to back it up.I felt like I finally understood who she was, and got to know the woman we, unfortunately, only see depicted as a white-haired grandma.Martha was fun and sexy and devoted.Its too bad all the hype surrounds the likes of Marie Antionette,

a selfish teenager. When a woman like Martha Washington runs circles around her. They need to make this book into a movie and let the Nation know the woman who stood next to a man like George Washington, as his partner and confidant. I highly recommend to any Patriot. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Loved it! Research much have been tedious to pull this much history together to form an educated biography! By Jacob I loved this book! I took my time reading it so that everything could soak in, but I finally finished it now. The author did such thorough research and it really helped me to get to know Martha Washington as a person rather than just a cold, distant portrait as a side note to George Washington. It seems that they were greatly in love and it's very comforting to know how much he adored and respected Martha. It's empowering to realize that she was a strong independent woman who chose to marry George and comforted and accompanied him in the birth of our nation. She was vital to our history in so many ways that I wasn't aware of! So glad I decided to read this! I'm beginning a personal "First Ladies Challenge" where I want to learn more about US history and to see it from their eyes. This was the first book on my list and I am intrigued and encouraged to keep going. Next I'll be reading all about Abigail Adams. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. I Hadley recommend this book! By Buehtraveler Awesome view of Martha Washington's life! I wasn't expecting to love this book as much as I did, but it's beautifully written and really gives us a view of the incredible woman that Martha Washington was! I highly recommend this book !

With this revelatory and painstakingly researched book, Martha Washington, the invisible woman of American history, at last gets the biography she deserves. In place of the domestic frump of popular imagination, Patricia Brady resurrects the wealthy, attractive, and vivacious young widow who captivated the youthful George Washington. Here are the able landowner, the indomitable patriot (who faithfully joined her husband each winter at Valley Forge), and the shrewd diplomat and emotional mainstay. And even as it brings Martha Washington into sharper and more accurate focus, this sterling life sheds light on her marriage, her society, and the precedents she established for future First Ladies.

From Publishers Weekly The portrait of the beautiful, elegant young woman on the cover of this excellent biography will stun anyone used to seeing pictures of Martha Washington as a white-haired, matronly woman. And in a richly woven tapestry of social history and biography, historian Brady re-creates the 18th-century world of wealthy Virginia planters into which the elegant Martha, nee Dandridge, was born and the "joyful duet" of her marriage to America's first president. Though born to wealth, Martha (1731-1802) was well schooled in domestic skills from killing and plucking fowl to preserving fruits and vegetables and the expected social graces. Just before she turned 19, Martha married Daniel Custis whose father initially opposed the union, but Martha managed to persuade him otherwise and moved to his large plantation, where she raised their two children until Custis's death in 1757. Two years later, as the owner of Custis's vast estate, she married George Washington and became the wife of a young colonel whose ambitions and military and political ingenuity catapulted him into the leadership of the colonies and later the republic. Devoted to George, Martha accompanied him on his sojourns during the Revolutionary War, and her considerable social skills were crucial in helping her husband navigate the difficult political waters of the presidency. Brady's splendid biography offers a compelling new portrait of this passionate, committed founding mother who has unjustly been obscured by others, such as Abigail Adams. (June 27) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Martha Washington is given her due, and readers whose interest in the significant contributions of women to the course of the American Revolution was piqued by Cokie Roberts' *Founding Mothers* (2004) will welcome this digestible biography of America's first First Lady. Though historians have made much of George Washington's infatuation with Sally Fairfax, Brady paints a portrait of the long-lived marriage between George and Martha as a passionate merger of both minds and hearts. A lively, intelligent, and fiscally shrewd widow, Martha was the perfect match for the more somber and less financially secure George. Unwavering in her devotion to her second husband, Martha quickly became his sounding board as well as his most trusted confidante during the tumultuous revolutionary and presidential years. Although accurately reconstructing Martha's life and her famous marriage has always been hampered by the fact that she destroyed all her personal correspondence after Washington's death, Brady does an admirable job of utilizing other primary and secondary sources to flesh out the real Martha and place her firmly into historical context. Margaret Flanagan Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. Pat Brady rectifies history's omission in this informative and entertaining biography of the first First Lady. (Cokie Roberts, author of *Founding Mothers*) Splendid... a compelling new portrait of a woman and her time. ("The Atlanta Journal-Constitution") Pat Brady rectifies history's omission in this informative and entertaining biography of the first First Lady. (Cokie Roberts, author of *Founding Mothers*) Splendid... a compelling new portrait of a woman and her time. ("The Atlanta Journal-Constitution") Pat Brady rectifies history's omission in this informative and entertaining biography of the first First Lady. (Cokie Roberts, author of *Founding Mothers*) Splendid... a compelling new portrait of a woman and her time. ("The Atlanta Journal-Constitution") Pat Brady rectifies history's omission in this informative and entertaining biography of the first First Lady. (Cokie Roberts, author of *Founding Mothers*) Splendid... a compelling new portrait of a woman and her time. ("The Atlanta Journal-

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