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Lillie says

This is one of the New Word City shorts offered free on Kindle for a day. Each book is a short biographical profile or historical event. I learn something from each one.

SheLove2Read says

I'm glad this was a freebie because it turned out to be rather boring. I expected a little more about one of America's greatest sons.

Ckatims says

Incredibly inspiring

Ben Franklin understood the American spirit. Independence demands freedom and Freedom is never safe. Franklin chose character over expedient solutions. He believed that ethical considerations weren't just "the right thing to do" being politely added to the realistic factors. Franklin knew that equitable freedom requires ethical administration.

Paula Ramsay says

For the first time I have a true understanding of the passion behind the American Revolution. Fleming organized the book in such a methodical way that the history truly , "comes alive" . As you read, you feel the building tension and personal turmoil that turned simple merchants, farmers, and tradesmen into Revolutionaries. This is a thoroughly satisfying read.

Robert Mynatt says

Like like

It was an enjoyable glimpse into one our Founder's life. A little dry at time, but it kept my attention from cover to cover

Mark says

An invaluable book if you care to learn about one of the most prominent Americans pre-United States! There is much detail regarding his many years in England (pre-Revolutionary war) and France (during Revolutionary War).

Great history coupled with the sadness of his split from his loyalist son and his much too busy political life make this a must read!

Only 4 stars as I would have liked to have read more of his life as a younger man, unless such information doesn't exist?

Steve says

Very informative book about Franklin and the politics behind the scenes in the years leading up to and during the American Revolution and insight into some of our Founding Fathers.

Renny says

Every once in a while, I read a book that brings intense sorrow at its ending *because* it has ended. This is one such book. I have always respected the historical figure of Benjamin Franklin and the accomplishments about which I knew only a smattering. This book delves much more deeply into the character, the relationships and his incredibly crucial role navigating a very complicated political time. The energy and wisdom with which he applied himself to those tasks that came his way as well as exposing of the personal sacrifices that he made in order to support the greater good for all people in our United States and elsewhere framed the reality of how incredibly fortunate our nation was to have this man arrive at the time that he did to help guide us through. He was a true revolutionary. I am especially impressed related to his involvement in a movement to abolish slavery: ..."January 17, 2006 marks the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth (January 17, 1706-April 17, 1790). During his life, Franklin had many careers including service as a diplomat, a printer, a writer, an inventor, a scientist, a lawmaker, and a postmaster, among others. In his later years he became vocal as an abolitionist and in 1787 began to serve as President of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery. The Society was originally formed April 14, 1775, in Philadelphia, as The Society for the Relief of Free Negroes Unlawfully Held in Bondage; it was reorganized in 1784 and again in 1787, and then incorporated by the state of Pennsylvania in 1789. The Society not only advocated the abolition of slavery, but made efforts to integrate freed slaves into American society."

The story is very well-written bringing the person of Franklin as well as his contemporaries into reality, with feeling, often quoting their own communications in their letters and papers. Benjamin Franklin, a complex and fascinating person... what an incredible heritage he has left each and everyone of us.

See: <http://www.archives.gov/legislative/f...>

Zach Rebackoff says

Praise to the Author

Pleased am I to know the true meaning of Franklin's life, goals, and ultimate place in our history, way beyond an electricity association.

Susan says

Very good book. The illustrations helped a lot getting the images right. I learned a lot about Franklin, surprisingly, and enjoyed the book immensely. Highly recommended.

Chris says

Kindle freebie.

A rather interesting overview of Franklin's time in Paris during the Revolution. There is some aspects that are left out. Franklin's bad press gets left back, but still an interesting read.

Phillip Herndon says

Flawed editing

The subject of this book is very attractive and the era the author describes is fascinating. However the flow of reading was frequently interrupted by flawed grammar, misuse or lack of punctuation, or misused words. It was a daunting effort to get through this book. However with some basic editing this book would have been a good resource and an enjoyable time. In future the author would do his readers a favor by having his writing thoroughly edited before publication.

Heather says

Really short account of some of Franklin's habits in Paris; contained some interesting facts and anecdotes.
