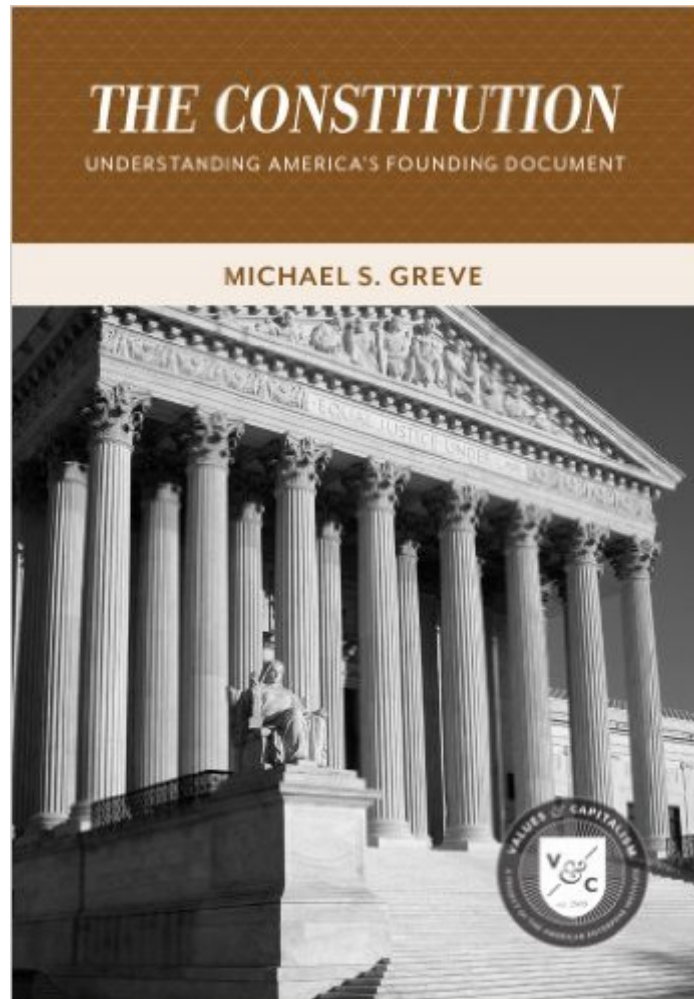


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For well over two centuries, the United States Constitution has served as a charter for a free, democratic government and for a country that has risen from a dicey political experiment to an economic and political superpower. In the history of the world, there is nothing like it. In *The Constitution: Understanding America's Founding Document*, Michael S. Greve explains how to think seriously about the United States Constitution and constitutions in general. What are constitutions supposed to do, and what can they accomplish? Why was the specific form of the Constitution—including both its structure and its rights catalogue—so important? Why is the Constitution so difficult to amend? Greve provides a fresh perspective on the Constitution's structure and our enduring constitutional controversies, from federalism and the separation of powers to slavery, civil rights, and the administrative state.

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This is perfect for my classroom. My students appreciate the fact that besides the constitution itself, it also contains supplemental information explaining elements of the constitution in easy to understand language. This is a must have for every home bookshelf and school library.

A very good short history of our constitution and easy to read. No excessive details, but enough so that you know all the sides of an issue or process. The author describes the tradeoffs involved, the critical timing of the document, and the efforts to make a constitution that would be long-lasting and adaptable as opposed to a long "laws list" that would soon be discarded. I was amazed to learn that many constitutions last fewer than 20 years. I have greater respect for our Founding Fathers and would hope that current politicians could do as well. The book avoids current politics and does not crusade for any cause.

required reading for all, for all citizens, from all levels of school, from youth to adults. people need to know about their constitution, its' purpose, how its work, reason or needs for it and its authors and about them. almost all people know very little or nothing about it and its meanings, even the amount the devotion the dedication blood sweat and tears and lives sacrifice for life liberty and property and for better future for future generations to come.

In this book we learn more about how the Constitution was written and how it is meant to function. Michael Greve does a good job with this topic, explaining the "ins and outs" of this cornerstone of America in a language practically anyone can understand. While its small size doesn't allow it to be an all-inclusive book on the topic, it is certainly more than enough to get you to reflect on the importance of our Constitution and its relationship to the People.

A clear and concise explanation of, what I believe is the most important document ever written. I sent copies to several friends who seem to lack a knowledge of American history. I believe it should be required reading for all high school students. The problem with our government isn't the constitution, it career politicians. The founding fathers never foresaw people (esp. lawyers) making a career of being a senator or representative. We must have term limits if we are to re-create this great nation.

Very fine book. Brings to light many things I was unaware of. CAUTION: this text is informative and not legal, as legal goes. Glad I bought it. It also brings to light many facts you will need to research for yourself.

Very helpful, easy to read. This book answered a lot of my questions. Love the size and carry it in

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