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James Madison

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Basic Books. 1 Paperback(s), 2013. soft. Book Condition: New. The author of *Founding Father: Rediscovering George Washington*; *Alexander Hamilton, American*; and *America's First Dynasty: The Adamses*, Richard Brookhiser here gives us a rich and surprising portrait of a Founding Father too often overlooked, despite his remarkable accomplishments. James Madison was nicknamed the "Father of the Constitution" for his tireless efforts to ensure that the founding document was as perfect as it could be made. But as Brookhiser shows, Madison was also the Father of Politics, founding the Republican Party (today's Democrats) and creating many of the governmental concepts and institutions that are fixtures of American political life. "[This] sprightly narrative will serve as an entertaining introduction for those who are making their first acquaintance with Madison. As an avid observer of the hyperpartisan political environment of our own age, Brookhiser uses Madison's often tumultuous career to remind us that day-to-day politics have never been very pretty. Anyone involved in the political wars as long and as relentlessly as Madison was surely bound to make a few missteps, and a few enemies, along the way. But Brookhiser effectively argues that Madison, by melding his knowledge of political theory with shrewd political...



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