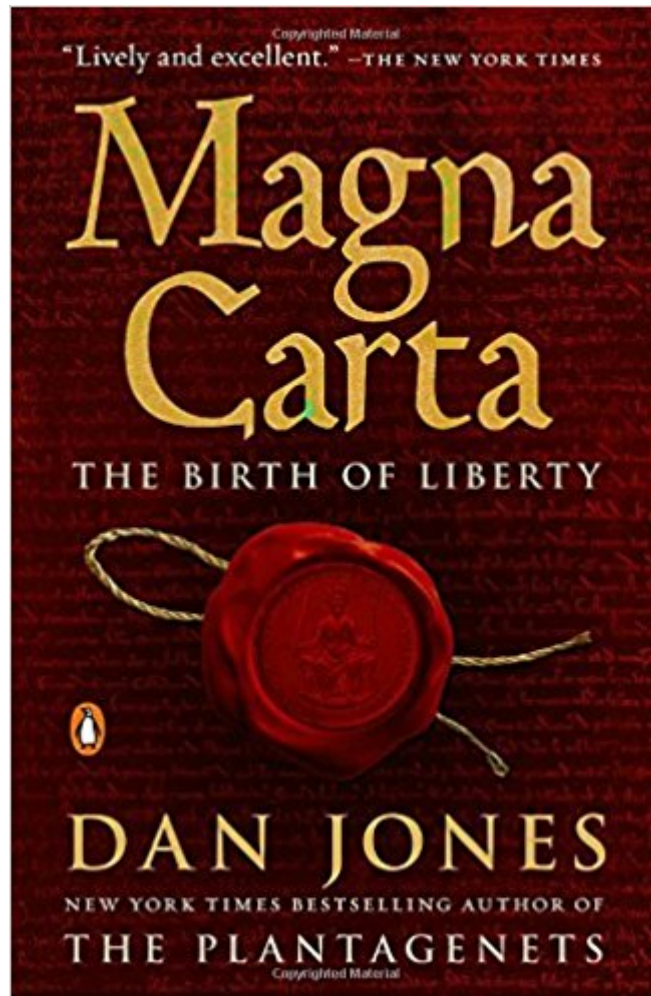




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

Magna Carta: The Birth Of Liberty



Synopsis

"Dan Jones has an enviable gift for telling a dramatic story while at the same time inviting us to consider serious topics like liberty and the seeds of representative government." —Antonia Fraser

From the New York TimesÂ best-sellingÂ author ofÂ *The Plantagenets*, a lively, action-packed history of how the Magna Carta came to be. Look for Dan Jones' *The Templars* in September 2017!Â Â The Magna Carta is revered around the world as the founding document of Western liberty. Its principlesâ "even its languageâ "can be found in our Bill of Rights and in the Constitution. But what was this strange document and how did it gain such legendary status? Dan Jones takes us back to the turbulent year of 1215, when, beset by foreign crises and cornered by a growing domestic rebellion, King John reluctantly agreed to fix his seal to a document that would change the course of history. At the time of its creation the Magna Carta was just a peace treaty drafted by a group of rebel barons who were tired of the king's high taxes, arbitrary justice, and endless foreign wars. The fragile peace it established would last only two months, but its principles have reverberated over the centuries.Â Jones's riveting narrative follows the story of the Magna Carta's creation, its failure, and the war that subsequently engulfed England, and charts the high points in its unexpected afterlife. Reissued by King John's successors it protected the Church, banned unlawful imprisonment, and set limits to the exercise of royal power. It established the principle that taxation must be tied to representation and paved the way for the creation of Parliament.Â In 1776 American patriots, inspired by that long-ago defiance, dared to pick up arms against another English king and to demand even more far-reaching rights. We think of the Declaration of Independence as our founding document but those who drafted it had their eye on the Magna Carta.

Book Information

Paperback: 288 pages

Publisher: Penguin Books; Reprint edition (November 15, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0143108956

ISBN-13: 978-0143108955

Product Dimensions: 5.4 x 0.7 x 8.3 inches

Shipping Weight: 8.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars 64 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #43,905 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #43 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Political Science > Constitutions #79 inÂ Books > Politics &

Customer Reviews

"Lively and excellent." â "The New York Times "By putting the Magna Carta in its proper historical context, the brilliant young historian Dan Jones triumphantly answers the questions he poses in his Introduction, about how it came to be granted, what it meant at the time, and what it should mean to us today." â "Andrew Roberts, New York Times bestselling author of Napoleon "Excellent and very well-crafted." â "The New York Review of Books" "Dan Jones has an enviable gift for telling a dramatic story while at the same time inviting us to consider serious topics like liberty and the seeds of representative government." â "Antonia Frasier "Lively and clear-eyed."Â â "The London Review of Books "An insightful, satisfying history of a beloved. . . icon of freedom." Â â "Kirkus Reviews Praise for The Wars of the Roses "Tautly structured, elegantly written, and finely attuned to the values and sensibilities of the age . . . The best introduction to the conflict currently in print."Â â "The Mail On Sunday â œJones is a born storyteller, peopling the terrifying uncertainties of each moment with a superbly drawn cast of characters and powerfully evoking the brutal realities of civil war. With gripping urgency he shows this calamitous conflict unfold.â • â "The Evening Standard Â "Edifying and utterly entertaining. . . Jones tells a good story . . . His delightful wit is as ferocious as the dreadful violence he describes."Â â "The Times (London) Praise for The Plantagenets Â â œA real life Game of Thrones,Â As dramatic and blood-soaked as any work of fantasy. Like the medieval chroniclers he quarries for juicy anecdotes, Jones has opted for a bold narrative approach anchored firmly upon the personalities of the monarchs themselves yet deftly marshaling a vast supporting cast of counts, dukes, and bishops. . . . Fast-paced and accessible, The Plantagenets is old-fashioned storytelling and will be particularly appreciated by those who like their history red in tooth and claw. Jones tackles his subject with obvious relish." --The Wall Street Journal â œOutstanding. Majestic in its sweep, compelling in its storytelling, this is narrative history at its best. A thrilling dynastic history of royal intrigues, violent skullduggery, and brutal warfare across two centuries of British history.â • â "Simon Sebag Montefiore, bestselling author of Jerusalem: The Biography â œJones has brought the Plantagenets out of the shadows, revealing them in all their epic heroism and depravity. His is an engaging and readable accountâ "itself an accomplishment given the gaps in medieval sources and a 300-year tableauâ "and yet researched with the exacting standards of an academician. The result is an enjoyable, often harrowing journey through a bloody, insecure era in which many of the underpinnings of English kingship and Â- Anglo-American

constitutional thinking were formed." • "The Washington Post • "Some of the greatest stories in all of English history . . . rich in pageantry and soaked in blood." • "Lewis Lapham • "Delicious . . . Jones has produced a rollicking, compelling book produced a rollicking, compelling book about a rollicking, compelling dynasty, one that makes the Tudors who followed them a century later look like ginger pussycats. . . . The Plantagenets is told with the latest historical evidence and rich in detail and scene-setting. You can almost smell the sea salt as the White Ship sinks, and hear the screams of the tortured at the execution grounds at Tyburn." • "USA Today • "Jones has written a magnificently rich and glittering medieval pageant, guiding us into the distant world of the Plantagenets with confidence. This riveting history of an all-too-human ruling House amply confirms the arrival of a formidably gifted historian." • "Sunday Telegraph

Dan Jones is the author of The Plantagenets: The Warrior Kings and Queen Who Made England, a #1 international bestseller and New York Times bestseller, and Wars of the Roses, which charts the story of the fall of the Plantagenet dynasty and the improbable rise of the Tudors. He writes and presents the popular Netflix series Secrets of Great British Castles and appeared alongside George R.R. Martin in the official HBO film exploring the real history behind Game of Thrones. He was closely involved in the British Library's landmark unification of the four remaining original copies of the Magna Carta to mark the charter's eight hundredth anniversary. He is also the author of Summer of Blood: England's First Revolution and is currently working on a history of the Knights Templar due out in September 2017. From the Hardcover edition.

This book by historian Dan Jones is a fine popular history of the background to, the granting of, and the legacy of Magna Carta. Jones write well. He is very clear. He presents an excellent, well-documented story of one of the foundations of Anglo-American political theory. However, he does digress some times. I'm not sure why he feels it necessary to go into details about the decisions of the Fourth Lateran Council for example. Still, a good, worthwhile read.

Excellent history of the Magna Carta and the era in which it was formulated. The duplicity of King John is well documented and spares no criticism of his machinations. The Magna Carta was, if nothing else, the seminal issuance of the demands of the people versus the needs of the monarchy. The culmination of some points of the Great Charter was the American Constitution which epitomizes the rights of the people to be free of a totalitarian government. The author (Dan Jones)

keeps the story moving and interesting. Very well done.

Very concise historical treatment of the conditions that lead up to the signing of Magna Carta in 1215. The author does a very good job of bringing together a lot of historical details pertinent to the document, but keeps things interesting and moving along. I appreciated the final chapters that trace the 17th century revival of interest in Magna Carta and how this gave it a new significance for constitutional developments in both the UK and American Colonies.

Dan Jones does a great job here writing and narrating this historical account of the Magna Carta, the basis of this inspiration of our founding fathers, and so much of our important rights. Jones writing is clear and concise and his narration is clear and pleasant. I whole-heartedly recommend this book.

“When the chronicler Matthew Paris reflected on the fate of John’s soul twenty years after his death, he famously declared that England reeks with John’s filthy deeds; the foulness of Hell is defiled by John. “No clause of the charter mentions or was intended to promote anything that we would today consider democratic; indeed, the idea of democracy was alien and would quite possibly have been offensive to the wealthy, oligarchical, and largely self-interested barons who opposed King John in 1215.

“Magna Carta” by Dan Jones continues his stories on the Plantagenets with this non-fiction book on King John and the Magna Carta. Mr. Jones writes in a way that immerses you into the past and makes it come alive. Even though the Magna Carta is looked up to around the world as a tool of democracy, Mr. Jones points out that it was not that way at all. It was so the rich barons and the church would not have to pay exorbitant taxes to the monarch. Another great tidbit I learned is that the original Magna Carta was not successful and King John after being forced to sign it continued his war with the Barons. The Pope at the time Innocent, condemned it. The barons decided the French King Louis would be a better King and joined him in trying to take over the country. King John died before the war ended and his young son took over as Henry III. William Marshall took over as regent and was able to get the barons back on the young king’s side. I think William Marshall was the real hero of this book and one who was steadfast in his support. I really enjoyed this book about King John and his reign. There is a lot of pre-John information and loads of stories on the Magna Carta today around the world. I recommend this book to anyone who loves history and the true stories of governments and how they evolved. I received this book from

the Penguin First to Read program for an honest review.

Very enjoyable and easy to read. Not the dry, dusty versions of history that just gave names and dates. I particularly liked all of the political background given that provided a good foundation for why the Magna Carta was needed as well as it being the inspiration for future constitutions since its inception. Would definitely recommend this book to everyone, not just students of history.

A memorable glimpse into King John's reign looking back on his father's, Charles II, and grandfather's, Charles I reigns and forward to Charles III and brother, Richard's. This book has made them and their actions real for me, as well as the birth and evolution of the Magna Carta.

Great book. But you better be ready for a detailed history of what lead to the Magna Carta. Well done and an enjoyable read.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Magna Carta: The Birth of Liberty The Magna Carta (Documenting U.S. History) The Formation of English Common Law: Law and Society in England from the Norman Conquest to Magna Carta (The Medieval World) 100 Documents That Changed the World: From the Magna Carta to Wikileaks 15 Documents and Speeches That Built America (Unique Classics) (Declaration of Independence, US Constitution and Amendments, Articles of Confederation, Magna Carta, Gettysburg Address, Four Freedoms) Magna Carta Magna Carta (Penguin Classics) King John and Magna Carta (Adventure from History) America: Empire Of Liberty: Volume 1: Liberty & Slavery A Guide Book of Mercury Dimes, Standing Liberty Quarters, and Liberty Walking Half Dollars, 1st Edition A Guide Book of Mercury Dimes, Standing Liberty Quarters, and Liberty Walking Half Dollars (The Official Red Book) Roadmap to Liberty: The Liberty-Approach to Every Economic, Political and Social Topic The Magna Charta Bristol and Bath, Thornbury and Chew Magna (Landranger Maps) Active Birth - Revised Edition: The New Approach to Giving Birth Naturally Joined at Birth (First Books Different from Birth) Active Birth: The New Approach to Giving Birth Naturally Raising Multiple Birth Children: A Parent's Survival Guide, Birth-Age 3 Before We Are Born: Essentials of Embryology and Birth Defects With STUDENT CONSULT Online Access, 7e (Before We Are Born: Essentials of Embryology & Birth Defects) Before We Are Born: Essentials of Embryology and Birth Defects, 6e (Before We Are Born: Essentials of Embryology & Birth Defects)

Contact Us

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)