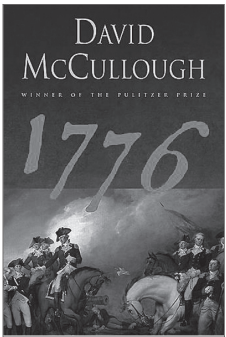


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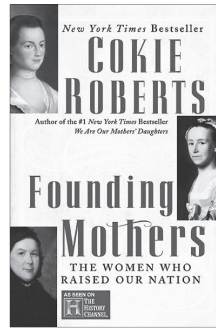


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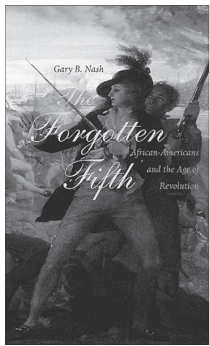
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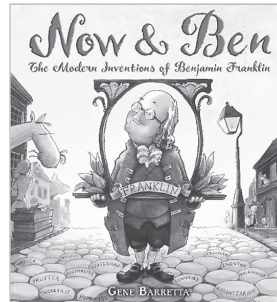
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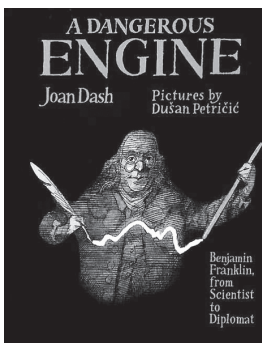
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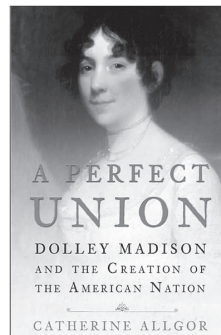
3. **THE FORGOTTEN FIFTH: African-Americans in the Age of Revolution**, by Gary B. Nash (Harvard, \$19.95, 0674021932) "This is a fascinating look at the role African-Americans played during the American Revolution, covering the issues of race and slavery at this decisive moment in our history."—Dan Domike, *Jackson Street Books*, Seattle, WA



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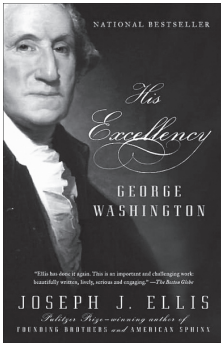


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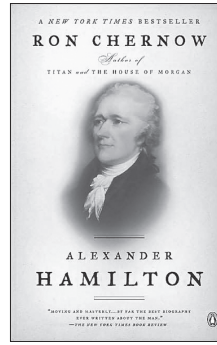
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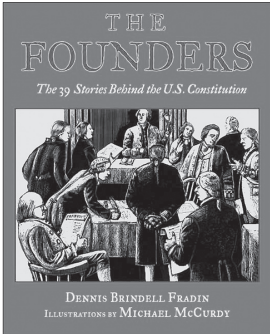
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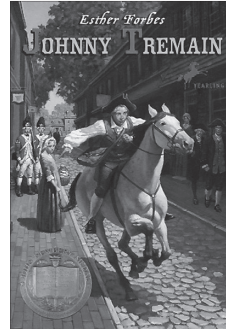
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**8. ALEXANDER HAMILTON**, by **Ron Chernow** (Penguin, \$18 paper, 0143034758) “This biography of the first Secretary of the Treasury is very interesting and informative, and also offers a very different viewpoint on John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.”—Fred Bott, **Books To Go, Devils Lake, ND**



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