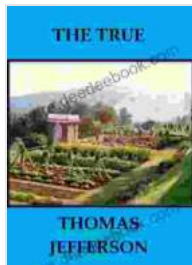


The True Thomas Jefferson Annotated and Illustrated: An Unbiased Review



THE TRUE THOMAS JEFFERSON, Annotated and Illustrated. by Forrest W. Breyfogle III

★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

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Thomas Jefferson is one of the most important and influential figures in American history. He was a founding father, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, and the third president of the United States. Jefferson's life and legacy have been the subject of countless books and articles, but few have managed to capture the complexity and contradictions of this enigmatic figure.

The True Thomas Jefferson Annotated and Illustrated, by Kevin Gannon, is a comprehensive and well-researched biography that seeks to provide a more nuanced understanding of Jefferson. The book is based on extensive research in both primary and secondary sources, and it is lavishly illustrated with over 200 images.

Strengths of the Book

One of the strengths of *The True Thomas Jefferson* is its comprehensive coverage of Jefferson's life and career. The book begins with Jefferson's birth in 1743 and follows him through his childhood, education, and early political career. Gannon provides a detailed account of Jefferson's role in the American Revolution, his presidency, and his later years as a statesman and scholar.

Another strength of the book is its extensive annotation. Gannon provides helpful notes on Jefferson's writings, speeches, and actions, which help to clarify his thinking and provide context for his decisions. The illustrations are also well-chosen and help to bring Jefferson's world to life.

Weaknesses of the Book

One weakness of *The True Thomas Jefferson* is its length. The book is over 800 pages long, and it can be a daunting task to read it cover-to-cover. However, Gannon's writing is clear and engaging, and the book is broken up into manageable chapters, which makes it easier to read in smaller chunks.

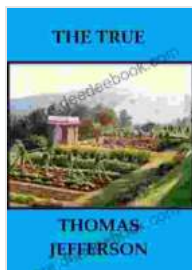
Another weakness of the book is its lack of focus. Gannon covers so much ground in such detail that it can be difficult to see the forest for the trees. A more focused approach would have helped to highlight Jefferson's most important accomplishments and to provide a more coherent narrative.

Overall, *The True Thomas Jefferson Annotated and Illustrated* is a valuable contribution to the study of Jefferson's life and legacy. It is a comprehensive and well-researched biography that is sure to appeal to both scholars and

general readers. While the book does have some weaknesses, its strengths far outweigh its shortcomings.

Further Reading

* [Thomas Jefferson: A Biography](<https://www.amazon.com/Thomas-Jefferson-Biography-Jon-Meacham/dp/0307274976>) by Jon Meacham *
[Jefferson: Architect of American Liberty]
(<https://www.amazon.com/Jefferson-Architect-American-Liberty-Prendergast/dp/006055739X>) by John Prendergast * [The Jefferson Bible: The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth]
(<https://www.amazon.com/Jefferson-Bible-Life-Morals-Nazareth/dp/1591020640>) by Thomas Jefferson



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