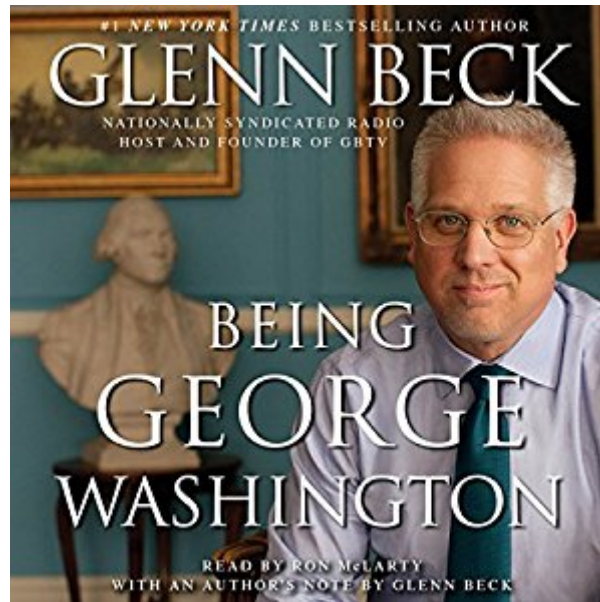




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If you think you know George Washington, think again. This is the amazing true story of a real-life superhero who wore no cape and possessed no special powers-yet changed the world forever. It's a story about a man whose life reads as if it were torn from the pages of an action novel: Bullet holes through his clothing. Horses shot out from under him. Unimaginable hardship. Disease. Heroism. Spies and double-agents. And, of course, the unmistakable hand of Divine Providence that guided it all. Being George Washington is a whole new way to look at history. You won't simply read about the awful winter spent at Valley Forge-you'll live it right alongside Washington. You'll be on the boat with him crossing the Delaware, in the trenches with him at Yorktown, and standing next to him at the Constitutional Convention as a new republic is finally born. Through these stories you'll not only learn our real history (and how it applies to today), you'll also see how the media and others have distorted our view of it. It's ironic that the best-known fact about George Washington-that he chopped down a cherry tree-is a complete lie. It's even more ironic when you consider that a lie was thought necessary to prove he could not tell one. For all of his heroism and triumphs, Washington's single greatest accomplishment was the man he created in the process: courageous and principled, fair and just, respectful to all. But he was also something else: flawed. It's those flaws that should give us hope for today. After all, if Washington had been perfect, then there would be no way to build another one. That's why this book is not just about being George Washington in 1776, it's about the struggle to be him every single day of our lives. Understanding the way he turned himself from an uneducated farmer into the Indispensable (yet imperfect) Man, is the only way to build a new generation of George Washingtons that can take on the extraordinary challenges that America is once again facing.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed reading this book. It was easy to read and I learned a few things about the Revolutionary War and Washington that I had not heard before. But what impressed me was how the episodes of his life that were covered showed how this man became a legend in his own time through perseverance, courage, education in all things relevant to his current situation whether at his plantation or on the battle field and his love for his country men. His stature in a time of dark futures made him a shining light to all but his jealous enemies of which there were a few. His patience and understanding of men was developed through many trials and sufferings. He made mistakes as we all do, but he seemed to take them more to heart and try to learn from them. He was not beyond taking great risks however. I know that teaching about Washington has been out of favor for fifty or more years by the politically correct revisionist historians. But do yourself a favor and learn the truth about this great man.

This is one of those books that everyone should read. I was amazed to learn about the sacrifices the men made at Valley Forge. It really makes you think about what a miracle this nation's birth was. I listened to the audio and liked this book so much I bought a copy for my mother.

I discovered this book as a CD set when I was driving on a long trip. I found it so thoughtful I gave copies of the book to my three sons. I've been through the book twice--so far. A great history book and very enlightening.

Beck does an OK job with this writing. If you are looking for rich historical detail, you will be disappointed. Too much "Beck commentary." At times he goes back in Washington's life to rehearse certain incidents and leave me wanting for more details of these events. Beck does a nice job of Washington's role in the developing of the US Constitution, again I wanted more detail. OK, if I desired a thorough historical analysis I should have chosen another book ! Beck provides some nice insights into Washington's character. Yes, I would recommend this book.

This is the first book I have read about George Washington although I have read short articles. I do believe he was a remarkable man. You can't read the book without feeling there was some divine power watching over him. What he accomplished and how he did it is remarkable. I would have given it 5 stars for the facts included. What I didn't like is Glenn Beck's going back and forth. I didn't get the chance to sit it and read it all at once. I have to admit I have done that with some books but it was Christmas time and lots to do. One minute we were in 1796 and the next minute back in 1775. I also didn't enjoy all of Beck's opinions on how the reader should feel about Washington the man. I did agree with many of his comments but felt he must think I'm pretty stupid so he has to point it out to me. What Washington accomplished showed me what kind of a man he was if Mr. Beck's writings are accurate. I think I would have liked it better if Beck wrote about his opinion of Washington at the end. Then I could chose to read it or skip it. Overall I did like it. Maybe if todays congress read it they might try to compromise a little more.

What a well written book and another perspective of who George Washington was!

This is a book on how developing good character through some difficulty and hardship built a great leader. He lived in a single parent home at a young age but through Biblical principles and learning great respect for his mother became a man to eventually lead our country against the British military forces who were the best in the world. A war we never should have won. He was more interested in doing what was right than looking for personal praise. This is a book than anyone who leads anyone should read and glean these positive qualities. Now, I understand why he's considered our greatest president. I will be passing this audio book on to my friends.

This book brought the birth of Liberty from the nebulous closet of neglected history into - now. It connects the necessity for every worthy exercise for Liberty's preservation , large or small, recorded or forgotten, into perspective. Liberty can never be left alone, unaccompanied, lest she be kidnapped and held hostage - for ransom. The gift of Liberty is wrapped with the souls of every man, woman, and child who did, who do, and who will, labor minutely or intensely to keep her alive. Washington created the matrix. All of us who are blessed to live swaddled in her arms, need to remember - never leave Liberty unattended. Thanks, Glenn; stay safe.

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