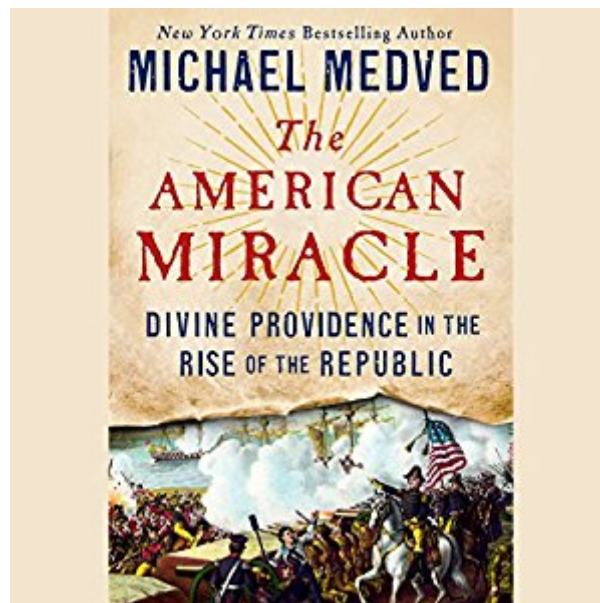




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The American Miracle: Divine Providence In The Rise Of The Republic



Synopsis

Lucky...or blessed? The history of the United States displays an uncanny pattern: At moments of crisis, when the odds against success seem overwhelming and disaster looks imminent, fate intervenes to provide deliverance and progress. Historians may categorize these incidents as happy accidents, callous crimes, or the products of brilliant leadership, but the most notable leaders of the past 400 years have identified this good fortune as something else - a reflection of divine providence. In *The American Miracle*, best-selling author and radio host Michael Medved recounts some of the most significant events in America's rise to prosperity and power, from the writing of the Constitution to the Civil War. He reveals a record of improbabilities and amazements that demonstrate what the Founders always believed: that events unfolded according to a master plan, with destiny playing an unmistakable role in lifting the nation to greatness. Among the stirring, illogical episodes described here: A band of desperate religious refugees find themselves blown hopelessly off course, only to be deposited at the one spot on a wild continent best suited for their survival George Washington's beaten army, surrounded by a ruthless foe and on the verge of annihilation, manages an impossible escape due to a freakish change in the weather A famous conqueror known for seizing territory, frustrated by a slave rebellion and a frozen harbor, impulsively hands Thomas Jefferson a tract of land that doubles the size of the United States A weary soldier picks up three cigars left behind in an open field and notices the stogies have been wrapped in a handwritten description of the enemy's secret battle plans - a revelation that gives Lincoln the supernatural sign he's awaited in order to free the slaves When millions worry over the nation losing its way, Medved's sweeping narrative, bursting with dramatic events and lively portraits of unforgettable, occasionally little-known characters, affirms America as "fortune's favorite", shaped by a distinctive destiny from our beginnings to the present day.

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Customer Reviews

An outstanding book, replete with history that was not taught 50 years ago when I was in school. It is difficult to read it and not see that the rise of the Republic had an element of design which relied on powers far beyond human control to implement. I was especially taken with the story of Nicholas Trist who illegally negotiated the treaty with Mexico, signed little more than a week after gold was discovered there.

The American Miracle: Divine Providence in the Rise of the Republic is a great read. Well-told and well-researched. I learned much more than I expected in an area I was already somewhat familiar. It will give anyone a much greater appreciation of how rare and precious the heritage of this great nation is. And it will bolster anyone's faith in an age where faith is struggling. It is more of a stretch of faith to believe it was anything but a miracle.

Just as God commanded Joshua to have the Israelites build a pile of rocks to remember what he had done for him, The American Miracle is a metaphorical pile of rocks, reminding the reader of how divine providence played a role in building this nation and how those truths are now being ignored and undermined by those who do not want the truth to be known. This book brings to life many of the stories of divine providence that have either been forgotten or are simply ignored in the regular history books. I enjoyed history as a student, but many of the things in this book were just ignored in history class. It's an interesting read. You will learn from it and will be amazed and encouraged by parts of it.

THE REAL AMERICAN HISTORY. THE AMAZING CONCEPT THAT GROWN BRILLIANT MEN, DIFFERING OPINIONS COULD PUT THEIR STRONG BELIEF ASIDE TO WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE THIS GREAT NATION IS A MIRACLE.

Yes, it is a history book and I for one haven't read many history books and never studied history in undergraduate or graduate studies. The author was a history major, which he displays in his

syndicated radio program every day. But I knew that I agreed with this book's premise that America is indeed blessed. Isn't it so much easier to like a book when you agree ever more and more with the examples presented throughout the book to illustrate what you already believe. So I remember concluding in high school that the best decision I'd ever made, or would ever make was the decision I made to be born in the USA! (How I accomplished this I'm not quite sure.) How could I not love this book, especially the chapters on Lincoln. I learned that Lincoln was so depressed (prior to taking office) that he would not carry a knife on his person, fearing that he might deliberately harm himself. This was no secret at the time - can you imagine how far he would have gotten in the present day with 24/7 scrutiny from cable news and Internet? As our 16th president he was perhaps the only person on earth that could have led our country through the Civil War in one piece. Read this book and hopefully you'll realize just how lucky you are to be an American.

True to Medved's style of portraying history in very human terms. Great book.

I have just finished reading "The American Miracle" by Michael Medved...should be a must read for all of us.....we come away with enormous gratitude and a sense of the great responsibility that comes with so many blessings. Many movies and plays could be written from all the stories! Medved was just on The Book Channel discussing this book. Look it up on your computer! 'American exceptionalism' does not mean 'American perfectionism'we are a nation in progress.....but when you read this wonderful page turner, you know that we are a unique, amazing and miraculous country.

Great addition to my knowledge of American history. Since today very little history is being taught this would be a great way to get students involved in wanting to learn our heritage...

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