

Daniel Webster The Man And His Time

"Daniel Webster is known primarily as a politician and is often described as a member of the second generation of American founders, alongside Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun—a generation whose divisions and rivalries ultimately led to the fracture of the nation. But before he was a politician and diplomat, Webster was a lawyer who argued some of the most important constitutional cases of the time. His arguments in these cases went well beyond the mere application of the law and instead proposed expansions and innovations in constitutional interpretation to address enduring questions left unanswered by the first generation of American founders. Webster understood, in a way that many today do not, that the Constitution was never a finished text. Daniel Webster and the Unfinished Constitution explores Webster's legal thought and the vital contributions he made to constitutional jurisprudence. In cases such as Dartmouth College v. Woodward, McCulloch v. Maryland, and Gibbons v. Ogden—as well as his debates with Calhoun and Robert V. Hayne—he addressed the relationship between the federal government and the states, the relationship between law and politics, and the boundary between public interest and private right. Webster tried to close all three of these interpretive spaces in the Constitution during his career. This study of Daniel Webster's role as both a legislator and a litigator sheds light on the living character of the Constitution"--

Excerpt from Speech of Hon. Daniel Webster: On Mr. Clay's Resolutions, in the Senate of the United States, March 7, 1850 The Vice-President. The resolutions submitted by the Senator from Kentucky were made the special order of the day at 12 o'clock. The Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. Walker)

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has the floor. Mr. Walker. Mr. President, this vast audience has not assembled to hear me; and there is but one man, in my opinion, who can assemble such an audience. They expect to hear him, and I feel it to be my duty, as it is my pleasure, to give the floor, therefore, to the Senator from Massachusetts. I understand it is immaterial to him upon which of these questions he speaks, and therefore I will not move to postpone the special order. Mr. Webster. I beg to express my obligations to my friend from Wisconsin (Mr. Walker), as well as to my friend from New York (Mr. Seward), for their courtesy in allowing me to address the Senate this morning. Mr. President, I wish to speak to-day, not as a Massachusetts man, nor as a Northern man, but as an American, and a member of the Senate of the United States. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works. Daniel Webster captured the hearts and imagination of the American people of the first half of the nineteenth century. This bibliography on Webster brings together for the first time a comprehensive guide to the vast amount of literature written by and about this extraordinary man who dwarfed most of his contemporaries. This bibliography also provides references to materials on slavery, the tariff, banking, Indian affairs, legal and constitutional development, international affairs, western expansion, and economic and political developments in

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general. This bibliography is divided into fifteen sections and covers every aspect of Webster's distinguished career. Sections I and II deal primarily with Webster's writings and with those of his contemporaries. Sections III through X cover the literature dealing with his family background; childhood and education, his long service in the United States House of Representatives and in the Senate, his two stints as secretary of state, and his career in law. Section X provides guidance in locating materials relating to his associates. Finally, Sections XI through XV provide coverage of his personal life, his death, historiographical materials, and iconography.

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Excerpt from *Daniel Webster, the Orator: An Address Delivered Before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and the New England Society of Brooklyn* He was a lawyer, and he was also a statesman. He had studied the constitution that he might defend it. He had examined its principles that he might maintain them. More than all men, or at least as much as any man, he was attached to the general government and to the union of the states. His feelings and opinions all ran in that direction. A question of constitutional law was, of all subjects, that one which was best suited to his talents and learning. Aloof from technicalities and unfettered by artificial rules, such a question gave opportunity for that deep and clear analysis, that mighty grasp of principle, which so much distinguished his higher efforts. His very statement was argument. His inference seemed demonstration. The earnestness of his own conviction wrought conviction in others. One was convinced and believed and assented because it was gratifying, delightful, to think, to feel and believe, in unison with an intellect of such evident superiority. It is Webster himself, the orator, lawyer, and statesman, who is here painted by his own hand in a portrait for which Dexter

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sat, but of which none but Webster could fill the outlines. We are to look at Webster the orator. It is the most attractive if not the most important character in which he appeared.

Webster's greatest power was the power of speech. As an orator he won his highest triumphs, and as an orator he will be longest remembered. His pre-eminence as a lawyer and statesman was largely due to his surpassing powers of clear, eloquent, and convincing statement. There were other lawyers of his time who had more learning of the books, and a few who were quite his equals in comprehensive grasp of legal principles. There were statesmen who had more qualities of leadership, more organizing and constructive power, more depth and permanence of conviction. As a consummate master of speech, Webster is without a rival in our history, if he has a superior in the history of eloquence. Half a century has now passed since Webster's death, and threescore and ten years since he reached the summit of his powers. The atmosphere is cleared of the incense of praise and the mists of detraction which rose about him in his own time. His contemporaries have disappeared, and the memory of the greatest of them is fading. Historic events have intervened, of the utmost importance, almost transforming the character of the government. Another generation of statesmen has appeared, done its work, and passed away. That Webster is still among the first in interest of all our great characters is striking evidence of the permanent hold which he took upon his countrymen. The great political changes which have befallen since his day, so far from obliterating his memory, have helped to preserve it; for in every one of them his influence was felt and his authority invoked, as it is invoked to - day, even by those who would pervert it. The new procession of historic figures which has passed across the national stage has hardly crowded him from the central place. The reason is not far to seek. Webster stamped himself in

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delibly upon the American mind. To an extent of which we are not always conscious, he wove himself into the very fabric of the government. His word directed the course of the public thought on national topics. His great speeches became part of our history, our literature, our constitutional law, almost of our national existence. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com

An “excellent” biography of the man behind Webster’s Dictionary and the role he played in American history (School Library Journal, starred review). Noah Webster may be best remembered for the enormous and ambitious task of writing his famous dictionary, but there was much more to his accomplishments. His goal was to streamline the language spoken in a newly formed country so it could be used as a force to bring people together and a source of national pride. Though people laughed at his ideas, Webster never doubted himself. In the end, his so-called foolish notions achieved just what he had hoped. Here, in the only biography of Noah Webster written for teen readers, we journey through Webster’s remarkable life, from boyhood on a Connecticut farm, through the fight for American independence to his days as a writer and political activist who greatly influenced our founding fathers and the direction of the young United States. “Capably weaves Webster’s biography into the history of America’s early years.” —Booklist “Impeccably researched . . . Provides readers with a glimpse at historical figures such as Thomas Paine, George Washington, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin.” —School Library Journal (starred review)

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Excerpt from Webster Centennial: A Discourse Delivered on the Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Daniel Webster, January 18, 1882 The theme I am to speak upon is one that lies very near my heart, this too both as an American and as a man 3 and I propose to utter my thoughts with considerable plainness and freedom. For, in truth, I have no popularity to lose, and do not care to make any; that being a thing I have no use for, nor should know what to do with, if I had it. As Americans, we have a right to be proud, we ought to be proud, it will do us good to be proud, of Daniel Webster. He is the one imperial intellect of our nation altogether the greatest and most catholic mind this country has produced. In fact, he is not so properly one man as a multitude of men, rather say, a multitudinous man 5 the varied powers, that are commonly dispersed among other men, being massed and consolidated in him. He stands second to none of our lawyers 3 and his arguments in the Supreme Court of the United States probably did more than those of any other one man, except Chief Justice Marshall, towards establishing the principles and the practice of our national Constitution. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of

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Excerpt from Proceedings at the Inauguration of the Statue of Daniel Webster, Erected in the Central Park, New York, July Fourth, 1876 Sharing in this estimate of the great statesman's character, and his relation to the history of the whole country, Mr. Gordon Webster Burnham, a native of New England, and a citizen of New York, conceived the idea of a statue, to be erected in the chief city of America, which should preserve and transmit to future generations the characteristic form and features of the man, and stand as a lasting memorial of his work. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

Excerpt from Letter to the Hon. Daniel Webster, on the Compromises of the Constitution Since God created man, when and where did there ever exist on the face of the earth a people whose average intellectual and moral elevation excelled that of the people of Massachusetts of the present day? And yet Massachusetts, as a

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Commonwealth, conspicuously takes the lead in all those progressive and reformatory measures which are so incompatible with the extension, and even the existence of slavery; and, in their effects, so disturbing and so alarming to the pro-slavery interest of the Union. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Stephen Vincent Benét was one of America's greatest storytellers, most famous for his witty and moving tribute to American history, *The Devil and Daniel Webster*, where a trial for a man's soul becomes a trial of America itself, of all that is best and worst in a great and tumultuous new country. In addition, this collection includes six more of Benét's best short stories, which in a similar vein, depict compelling and diverse elements in America's great social tapestry, with memorable and often amusing characters: a man whose toothache leads him to encounter Paul Revere on the eve of the American Revolution; a Jewish immigrant who discovers a new experience of life as a trader on the American frontier; a woman brought from Africa as a

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slave who teaches her grandson the price of freedom; an old confederate colonel, hateful and unwilling to accept the loss of his old world; and an adventurous young man who discovers the folly in all walks of human life. The stories included are: The Devil and Daniel Webster Jacob and the Indians A Tooth for Paul Revere Freedom's a Hard-Bought Thing O'Halloran's Luck The Die-Hard Johnny Pye and the Fool-Killer

Excerpt from A Discourse on the Life and Character of Daniel Webster Resolved, That In the large capacities and varied powers of his Intellect, in the culture and discipline of. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works. From New York Times bestselling historian H. W. Brands comes the riveting story of how, in nineteenth-century America, a new set of political giants battled to complete the unfinished work of the Founding Fathers and decide the future of our democracy In the early 1800s, three young men strode onto the national stage, elected to Congress at a moment when the Founding Fathers were beginning to retire to their farms. Daniel Webster of Massachusetts, a champion orator known for his eloquence, spoke for the North and its business class. Henry Clay of Kentucky, as dashing as he was ambitious, embodied the hopes of the rising West. South

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Carolina's John Calhoun, with piercing eyes and an even more piercing intellect, defended the South and slavery. Together these heirs of Washington, Jefferson and Adams took the country to war, battled one another for the presidency and set themselves the task of finishing the work the Founders had left undone. Their rise was marked by dramatic duels, fierce debates, scandal and political betrayal. Yet each in his own way sought to remedy the two glaring flaws in the Constitution- its refusal to specify where authority ultimately rested, with the states or the nation, and its unwillingness to address the essential incompatibility of republicanism and slavery. They wrestled with these issues for four decades, arguing bitterly and hammering out political compromises that held the Union together, but only just. Then, in 1850, when California moved to join the Union as a free state, "the immortal trio" had one last chance to save the country from the real risk of civil war. But, by that point, they had never been further apart. Thrillingly and authoritatively, H. W. Brands narrates an epic American rivalry and the little-known drama of the dangerous early years of our democracy. This first full-scale scholarly biography of the formidable Yankee illuminates the interrelated currents of Webster's private life and his influential, controversial public career. He will make the appointment of the Judge. Webster represents the other man's opinions.

In this illuminating history, a senatorial debate about states' rights exemplifies the growing rift within pre-Civil War America. Two generations after the founding, Americans still disagreed on the nature of the Union. Was it a confederation of sovereign states or a nation headed by a central government? To South Carolina Senator Robert Y. Hayne, only the vigilant protection of states' rights could hold off an attack on a southern way of life built on slavery. Meanwhile, Massachusetts Senator Daniel Webster believed that the

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political and economic ascendancy of New England—and the nation—required a strong, activist national government. In *The Webster-Hayne Debate*, historian Christopher Childers examines a sharp dispute in January 1830 that came to define the dilemma of America's national identity. During Senate discussion of western land policy, the senators' increasingly heated exchanges led to the question of union—its nature and its value in a federal republic. Childers argues that both Webster and Hayne, and the factions they represented, saw the West as key to the success of their political plans and sought to cultivate western support for their ideas. A short, accessible account of the conflict and the related issues it addressed, *The Webster-Hayne Debate* captures an important moment in the early republic.

Stephen Vincent Benet [RL 7 IL 7-12] In this court battle, the decision will determine the fate of a man's soul.

Themes: patriotism; triumph of goodness. 42 pages. Tale Blazers.

Reveals Daniel Webster's role in American politics up to the Civil War, and describes why he was renowned for his oratory, but also for his political conniving. Enormously powerful, intensely ambitious, the very personifications of their respective regions--Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, and John C. Calhoun represented the foremost statesmen of their age. In the decades preceding the Civil War, they dominated American congressional politics as no other figures have. Now Merrill D. Peterson, one of our most gifted historians, brilliantly re-creates the lives and times of these great men in this monumental collective biography. Arriving on the national scene at the onset of the War of 1812 and departing political life during the ordeal of the Union in

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1850-52, Webster, Clay, and Calhoun opened--and closed--a new era in American politics. In outlook and style, they represented startling contrasts: Webster, the Federalist and staunch New England defender of the Union; Clay, the "war hawk" and National Republican leader from the West; Calhoun, the youthful nationalist who became the foremost spokesman of the South and slavery. They came together in the Senate for the first time in 1832, united in their opposition of Andrew Jackson, and thus gave birth to the idea of the "Great Triumvirate." Entering the history books, this idea survived the test of time because these men divided so much of American politics between them for so long. Peterson brings to life the great events in which the Triumvirate figured so prominently, including the debates on Clay's American System, the Missouri Compromise, the Webster-Hayne debate, the Bank War, the Webster-Ashburton Treaty, the annexation of Texas, and the Compromise of 1850. At once a sweeping narrative and a penetrating study of non-presidential leadership, this book offers an indelible picture of this conservative era in which statesmen viewed the preservation of the legacy of free government inherited from the Founding Fathers as their principal mission. In fascinating detail, Peterson demonstrates how precisely Webster, Clay, and Calhoun exemplify three facets of this national mind.

Examines the life and work of the statesman and discusses his repeated failed attempts to become president

A collection of twenty of Frederick Douglass's most important orations This volume brings together twenty of

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Frederick Douglass's most historically significant speeches on a range of issues, including slavery, abolitionism, civil rights, sectionalism, temperance, women's rights, economic development, and immigration. Douglass's oratory is accompanied by speeches that influenced him, his reflections on successful rhetorical strategies, contemporary commentary on his performances, and modern-day assessments of his rhetorical legacy.

Webster's dilemma was the crisis of an entire political generation reared for a traditional world and forced to function in a modern one.

From the New York Times bestselling author of *You Should Have Known* and *Admission*, a twisty new novel about a college president, a baffling student protest, and some of the most hot-button issues on today's college campuses. Naomi Roth is the first female president of Webster College, a once conservative school now known for producing fired-up, progressive graduates. So Naomi isn't surprised or unduly alarmed when Webster students begin the fall semester with an outdoor encampment around "The Stump"-a traditional campus gathering place for generations of student activists-to protest a popular professor's denial of tenure. A former student radical herself, Naomi admires the protestors' passion, especially when her own daughter, Hannah, joins their ranks. Then Omar Khayal, a charismatic Palestinian student with a devastating personal history, emerges as the group's leader, and the demonstration begins to consume Naomi's life, destabilizing Webster College from the inside out. As the crisis slips beyond her control, Naomi must take increasingly desperate measures to protect her friends, colleagues, and family from an unknowable adversary. Touching on some of the most topical and controversial

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concerns at the heart of our society, this riveting novel examines the fragility that lies behind who we think we are and what we think we believe.

Excerpt from Eulogy, Daniel Webster New Jersey, with her sisters of the Confederacy, stricken in Providence, mourns at the grave of Daniel Webster. As one of the old thirteen, - ever dear to the departed statesman, - New Jersey claims to participate in his obsequies. The achievements on our soil were often the theme of his glowing praise. Trenton, and Princeton, and Monmouth, were fields, whose memories of renown were cherished by him as dearly as those of Lexington, and Concord, and Bunker Hill. Our own honoured Richard Stockton, too, was his intimate, personal friend; and the equally distinguished son, New Jersey's high-souled Senator in Congress and Frelinghuysen, gracing literature with the laurels won in the halls of legislation. Nor can it be forgotten that the last cause argued by the giant lawyer statesman, was in our own Capital, on the banks of the Delaware, in the presence of our great men, and in sight of the records, the statutes, and the heraldry of New Jersey. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works. Contains selected famous speeches and orations of Daniel Webster, to illustrate his genius and character as a lawyer, statesman, Senator, negotiator, patriot, and citizen. An

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introcustory essay describes and explains the man as a master of English style.

Donald A. Rakestraw focuses on Daniel Webster's critical diplomatic efforts. His domestic resumé garnered him the title "Defender of the Constitution," while his adroit handling of his signature accomplishment with Lord Ashburton earned him the additional title of "Defender of the Peace."

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