

Alexander Hamilton: A Brief Biography

Alexander Hamilton: A Friend to America, volumes 1-2

By Dianne L. Durante

What were the important events of Hamilton's life? What were the ideas that drove him? *Alexander Hamilton: A Brief Biography* includes substantial quotes from Hamilton's writings, dozens of full-color images of Hamilton and his times, and a timeline setting Hamilton's life in the context of events in Europe and the United States. If you're a fan of *Hamilton: An American Musical*, this bio will give you more reasons to love the man and the musical. If you're a history geek or a fan of Hamilton, it will serve as a gateway to *Alexander Hamilton: A Friend to America*, a two-volume set with extensive excerpts from writings by Hamilton and his contemporaries.

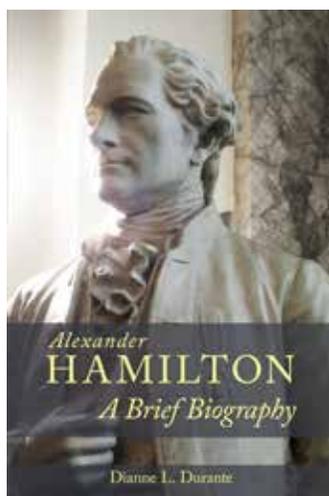
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- ★ Alexander and Angelica: yes, no, maybe?
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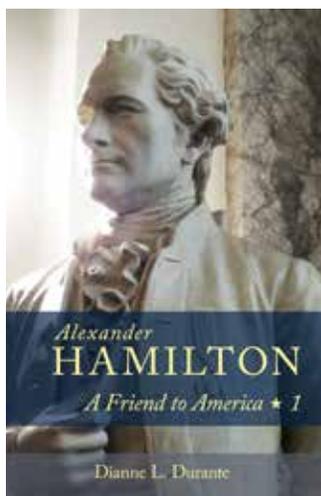


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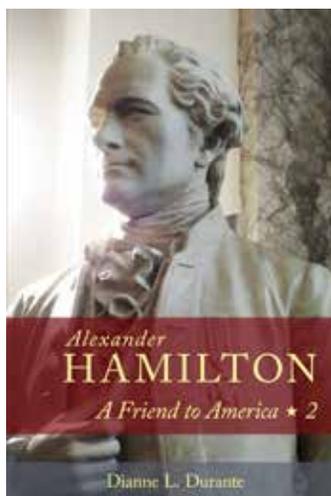
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