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John and Abigail, Abigail and John - their names are as inseparably linked as those of any pair in history. The story of these lovers, domestic partners, and patriots comes to life in this collection of their intimate correspondence. The lives of this remarkable couple unfold alongside events of the Revolutionary War era, a time in which John left his family for prolonged periods to serve his colony and country. Their engaging exchanges follow John's career from provincial lawyer and farmer in Braintree, Massachusetts, to delegate to the Continental Congresses in Philadelphia, to diplomatic success in Europe. John reveals himself as an ambitious, determined, and self-doubting statesman with a trusting, deeply affectionate character and an earthy sense of humor. Abigail's lively and captivating letters show the trials of an intelligent, strong, and resourceful woman who managed the family's farm and business affairs and reared the pair's four children during her husband's long absences. Her missives to John are filled with outspoken remarks on politics, public figures, and world-shaking events. An independent thinker and advocate of equal rights for women, she urged him in one spiri

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## **From Reader Review The Book of Abigail and John: Selected Letters of the Adams Family, 1762-1784 for online ebook**

### **Nick says**

Inspiration to write Johanna while she's on the campaign trail.

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### **Martha says**

This book is a collection of the correspondence between John Adams and his wife Abigail during the many years of their separation during the American Revolution and years immediately following.

It started out quite dry, but I only had to slog through about 70 pages before I was completely committed. Once you decipher the style of writing and the differences in spelling and grammar that they used, it goes much more quickly and turns out to be a compelling bird's eye view of our American Revolution and the immediate years after. Fascinating.

I liked it so much, I've moved on to a biography of John Adams so I can fill in the blanks, that is, the parts of the story not told in the letters between John and Abigail either because they did not know about certain events or because they held their information to the chest for fear of their letters being intercepted by the press and passed on to the enemy. Sounds a bit like how Bill Clinton feels about email.

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### **Ann says**

p.153 (A to J)

If you complain of neglect of Education in sons, What shall I say with regard to daughters, who every day experience the want of it. With regard to the Education of my own children, I find myself soon out of the depth, and destitute and deficient in every part of Education.

...If we mean to have Heroes, Statesmen and Philosophers, we should have learned women. The world perhaps would laugh at me, and accuse me of vanity, but you I know have a mind too enlarged and liberal to disregard the Sentiment. If much depends as is allowed upon the early Education of youth and the first principals which are instilled take the deepest root, great benefit must arise from literary accomplishments in women.

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### **Jenalyn says**

Who wouldn't want to learn more about this great man and woman? A fabulous book.

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### **Tim says**

So much more than simple words or even letters to family, this is the story of a great family commitment to

the founding of America and an example of the hardy stock that was the stuff of heroes and founding fathers.

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### **Corey says**

Having been brought up on a healthy love for everything Adams, I might be a little biased in saying how much I loved these letters. They're informative about the period, John's exasperated missives from Congress are hysterical and the letters going back and forth between the children and John are precious. Everything that is wonderful after the letters that used to be written are in here.

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### **Lynn says**

After watching the "John Adams" series on HBO, I became interested in John & Abigail's interactions and found they had a vastly published letter-writing habit. This is a fabulous insight into what one of our founding fathers and his wife were like. The letters are very personal and some quite intimate. Realising the human side of people so legendary makes their sacrifices, struggles and triumphs so real.

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### **Craig Bolton says**

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### **Martin Bihl says**

Absolutely tremendous. When you think of how connected we are - cell phones and instant messaging - and then you think how these two would go YEARS without hearing from each other, as their letters were intercepted or lost, it boggles your mind. Great writing, great relationship and great minds. A must read.

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### **Debra says**

Interesting novel composed of the letters between this famous couple....loved the history and the banter between them especially when Abigail took John to task over not writing to her enough....

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### **Darlene says**

I had a little trouble with the language when I first started reading this book of letters. Once I got past that, I was completely enthralled with reading it. This is a compilation of letters mainly between John and Abigail Adams between the years of 1762 and 1784. I recently finished the biography of John Adams by David McCullough and this was a great companion to that book. The letters talked about everything from the

mundane household things that most couples talk about to their feelings of loneliness when they had to be separated when John Adams was in Europe for several years. They talked about their fears and frustrations and their hopes for the future of their children and the newly formed country. I came away from the book feeling that this was a couple completely devoted to each other.. who loved each other immensely and were each other's best friend. The book was heart warming and made me long for the long lost art of letter writing.

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