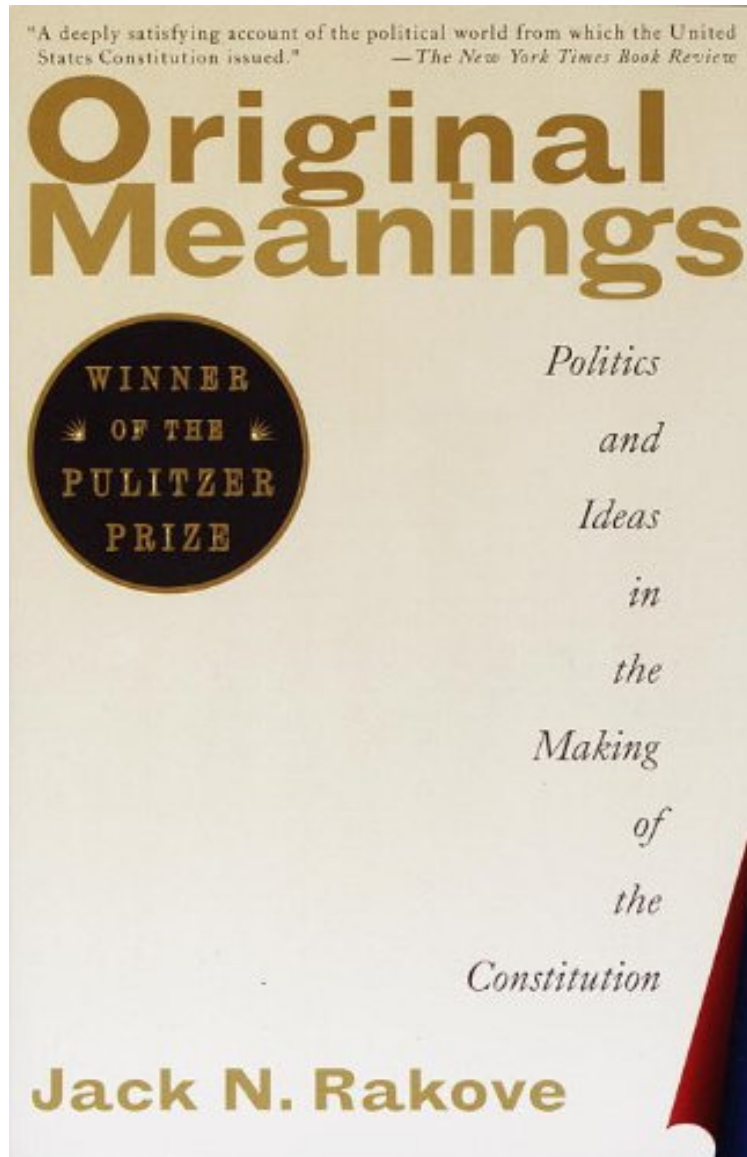


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Thorough, perspicacious, a joy to read. Von Kevin Brogan. Rakove's best work is not for all, as previous reviews attest. Fundamental rather than eminent understanding of the subject can erroneously lead the former to a situation that perplexes rather than decides; but under no circumstance could the adjective discursive apply. This situation is furthered by an anticipation of the florid perspicuity notable to Rakove's conduit of Constitutional integrity, namely Madison. Beyond the horizon of contemporary analysis in depth, and scholastic achievements, this effort shall have attained a position of acclaim. For myself there is a different conclusion than Rakove's Coda, and for that I am glad. His efforts clarify rather than cloud a point of decision previously left unresolved. I owe great thanks to his chapter on originalism and the four points he poses. In re-examining them at his request, drawing on the enormous research he offered in each chapter, I found Clarity where his Coda pointed to further questions. It may well be Bork is correct, thank you Mr. Rakove. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Intelligent, but pedantic. Von Kathryn S Berthelsen. While this book offers a wealth of information about the birth of the Constitution, I found Rakove's writing style to be prohibitively pedantic. He repeats himself and has an annoying habit of posing rhetorical questions to which he offers us no possible solutions. I had to read this book for a Constitutional History class, and although I understand why my professor assigned it, I think Rakove could have written this book in 200 pages, rather than 450. I guess I might as well come out and say it. Its boring. The subject matter is fascinating, but the way Rakove presents his thesis lacks something to be desired.... 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not for the casual history buff. Von J. Carroll. Reading this book is not an easy undertaking. This is not an overview of the formation and acceptance of the Constitution, rather it is an in depth analysis of the goals and purposes behind its creation and those of its creators. A great effort was put into the writing of this book and my rating is based on my ability to absorb the information. It reads like a text book trying to appeal to a wider audience. In my case it did not achieve this goal. For a historian with the background to follow all the references I imagine it would be indispensable.

Kurzbeschreibung. From abortion to same-sex marriage, today's most urgent political debates will hinge on this two-part question: What did the United States Constitution originally mean and who now understands its meaning best? Rakove chronicles the Constitution from inception to ratification and, in doing so, traces its complex weave of ideology and interest, showing how this document has meant different things at different times to different groups of Americans. From the Trade Paperback edition.. de. Imagine, for a preposterous moment, that 55 national leaders convened to write a document to guide the country for hundreds of years. It seems unlikely--given that our current contingent of so-called leaders can't agree on how to balance a checkbook--that they could reach consensus on such issues as the allotment of congressional seats. The political and ideological issues that faced the creators of the Constitution were similar in some ways to those at play today. And in some ways they were vastly different ones. Jack Rakove, a history professor at Stanford University, has in this book framed the process that led to the drafting of the constitution in its historical and political context to offer insight into the difficulty of interpreting that most influential of documents.. com. Imagine, for a preposterous moment, that 55 national leaders convened to write a document to guide the country for hundreds of years. It seems unlikely--given that our current contingent of so-called leaders can't agree on how to balance a checkbook--that they could reach consensus on such issues as the allotment of congressional seats. The political and ideological issues that faced the creators of the Constitution were similar in some ways to those at play today. And in some ways they were vastly different ones. Jack Rakove, a history professor at Stanford University, has in this book framed the process that led to the drafting of the constitution in its historical and political context to offer insight into the difficulty of interpreting that most influential of documents.