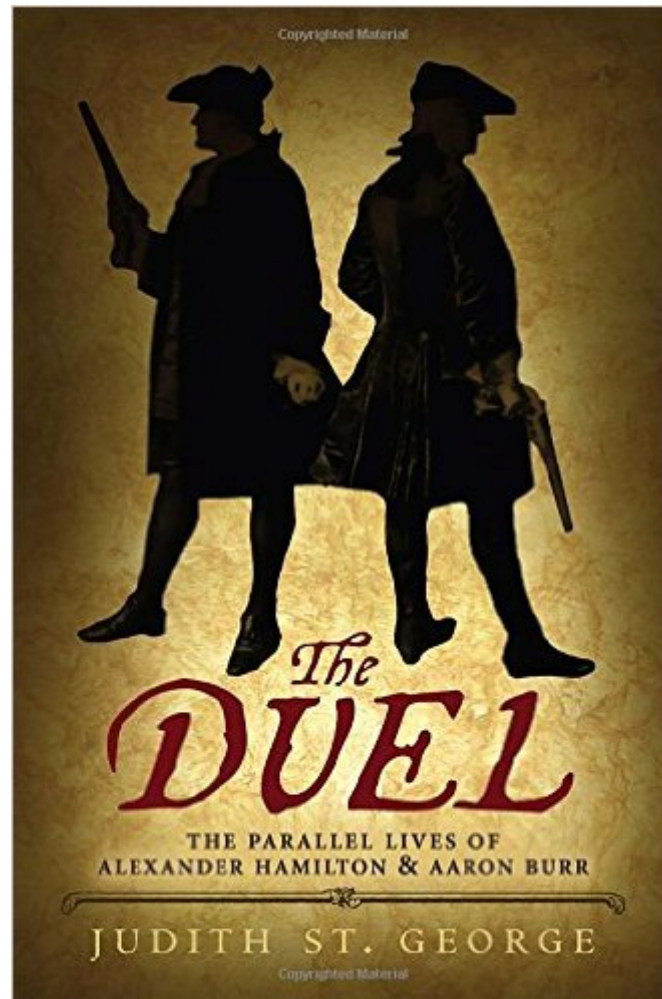


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# The Duel: The Parallel Lives Of Alexander Hamilton And Aaron Burr



## Synopsis

Learn more about the men who inspired Hamilton: The Musical in this fascinating look at the historical friends turned revolutionary rivals! In curiously parallel lives, Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr were both orphaned at an early age. Both were brilliant students who attended college--one at Princeton, the other at Columbia--and studied law. Both were young staff officers under General George Washington, and both became war heroes. Politics beckoned them, and each served in the newly formed government of the fledgling nation. Why, then, did these two face each other at dawn in a duel that ended with death for one and harsh criticism for the other? Judith St. George's lively biography, told in alternating chapters, brings to life two complex men who played major roles in the formation of the United States.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This slim book (under 100 pages, including notes and index) seems aimed at middle school readers, and covers the lives and Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr in a very readable way. The chapters are divided into two parts; and as they move through time (Orphans, Students, Patriots, Heroes, Lawyers and so forth) give events from one perspective and then the other. The author deftly handles the hardships of the mens' lives, and the ultimately violent ending. I don't know that

the average 12-year-old would choose this off the shelf, but for a young reader who enjoys history, or as part of a school project or collection, this seems an excellent choice.

Absolutely riveting and teaches a LOT about character and choices !!!!And of course history.As an adult I LOVED it.Our boy , 8, is obsessed with HamiltonThank you , Lin-Manuel ã Â Â^Â Back to book. It contrasts the 2 men Hamilton and Burr.Sooo very similar yet different responses and attitudesYou get insight into CHARACTER and the importance of our choicesBut it is also a history lesson.It will spur on more desire to read . ... and dare I say History , Biographies, .....books in general.

My 11 year old couldn't put it down. Granted, he loves to read but this is a good history. Interestingly the narrative varies somewhat from the Alexander Hamilton biography that the Hamilton musical was based on.

Keeping in mind that this book was aimed for younger children I read it all within a day because it kept me interested and for me that can be hard to do I usually can't read longer than 20 mins at a time. I liked how it showed their lives parallel to each other as well as since I don't always have a great memory when coming across secondary characters it will remind you later on who that person was in earlier chapters. I did think the book was a bit more bias on Hamilton's side but overall I think it was fairly written. I would recommend it for someone that wants to know more about Hamilton/Burr because it is a quick read or recommend it to a child because it was interesting and probably hold their interest.

I chose to buy this book to feed my love for all things Alexander Hamilton these days. I wasn't quite ready for the Chernow biography (I have since purchased it). I am also a 6th grade teacher and I can't wait to share this with my students! It gives just the right amount of detail to keep the students interested, yet not too much that their eyes will glaze over while reading it. I think it is going to be the perfect addition to my classroom library due to the Hamil-mania that is happening right now!

How much do you know about our founding fathers? The was a very interesting read! The two men, their lives touched by similar events, yet it led to this very sad ending in a few pages.

Very concise, slightly repetitive as the author discusses Burr & Hamilton. Good book for middle

school students.

Simple clear and short book that takes you back to the specifics of a certain time in history.

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