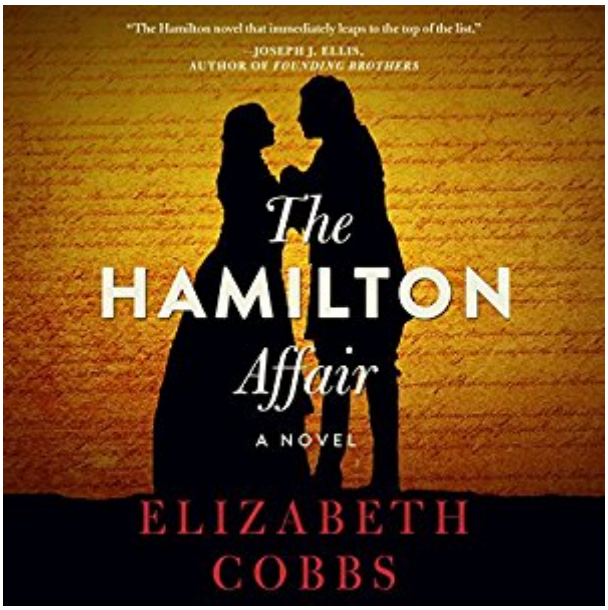
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Synopsis

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the American Revolution, and featuring a cast of iconic characters such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and the Marquis de Lafayette, The Hamilton Affair tells the sweeping, tumultuous, true love story of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler, from tremulous beginning to bittersweet ending - his at a dueling ground on the shores of the Hudson River, hers more than half a century later after a brave, successful life. Hamilton was a bastard son, raised on the Caribbean island of St. Croix. He went to America to pursue his education. Along the way he became one of the American Revolution’s most dashing - and unlikely - heroes. Adored by Washington, hated by Jefferson, Hamilton was a lightning rod: the most controversial leader of the American Revolution. She was the well-to-do daughter of one of New York’s most exalted families - feisty, adventurous, and loyal to a fault. When she met Alexander, she fell head over heels. She pursued him despite his illegitimacy, and loved him despite his infidelity. In 1816 (two centuries ago), she shamed Congress into supporting his seven orphaned children. Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton started New York’s first orphanage. The only "founding mother" to truly embrace public service, she raised 160 children in addition to her own. With its flawless writing, brilliantly drawn characters, and epic scope, The Hamilton Affair will take its place among the greatest novels of American history.

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Customer Reviews

Alexander Hamilton ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ the nationÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s first Treasury Secretary and a

man extremely reviled. A man that had become more of a footnote in history ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ other than his notorious death by Aaron Burr ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ until a Broadway musical became a smash hit and revived interest in this ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“soldier, thinker, statesmanÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•. In ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“The Hamilton AffairÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•, Elizabeth Cobbs has created a novel as fascinating as Hamilton was, and one that sheds light on his unique place in history.I confess ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ I was initially attracted to this book because of all the brouhaha about the musical. I was curious about the man that inspired such a massive hit, and knew little about him from my high school history classes. I prepared myself for a boring affair that I hoped might enlighten me a bit ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ what I got was a well-done and extremely interesting book about both Hamilton and his wife Eliza. Both viewpoints are covered in this book, and Cobbs takes great care to try and do justice to both. While the book portrays Hamilton in a positive light, and attempts to demonstrate just how unjust the characterization of him has often been, it also does not shy away from the damage he caused his wife and his family.Regardless of oneÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s feeling about the man as a whole, it is undeniable that both he and his wife accomplished some amazing things in their lifetimes. Creating the Treasury department from the ground up, ensuring veterans were able to get back pay after the war that created our nation, and even the creation of the first private orphanage in New York ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ these things and many more can be attributed to these amazing individuals. Sadly, Hamilton never got a chance to tell his own story, and it appears that he truly gave his life in service of his country ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ for it was in that service that he made so many enemies, one of whom eventually killed him.Overall, I really think this is an excellent book. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a great place for Hamilton newbies (like myself) to begin, and might even have a unique perspective on the man for those more familiar with him than myself. I highly recommend this book, and ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ as my highest praise ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ it has given me the desire to research its subject even more thoroughly than before.

Okay where to start... This book had me hooked from chapter one. If you love the "what are men to rocks and mountians" sass of Elizabeth Bennet, you are going to love Elizabeth "Eliza" Hamiliton, and if you believe true love stories should be more complicated than "they met, fell in love, and lived happily ever after", then you’re going to love this book even more.I was hesitant to jump on the Hamilton craze that has followed the Broadway play, for fear that it wouldn’t live up to its expectations, but this book was the perfect start to my new love affair.The Hamilton Affair shows that life and love aren’t always pretty, but you can either choose to sink into it’s shallows, or stand up and hold strong.If you are reading these reviews to decide if this book is worth it, please just click

buy! I promise it will be worth it!

Although IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m not a fan of historical fiction, I took a chance on The Hamilton Affair by Elizabeth Cobby through Vine as Alexander Hamilton is one of my favorite Founding Fathers. I was pleasantly surprised that this novel was so well-researched and well-written. One observation, however, is that I thought The Hamilton Affair was going to be primarily about HamiltonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s affair with Maria Reynolds, which brought such tragic consequences. But the ReynoldsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ affair doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t come into play until over halfway through the novel.With the Hamilton craze happening right now because of the hit musical by the same name, The Hamilton Affair covers well-known territory. The viewpoints alter between Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler, who he will marry in 1780. The Hamilton Affair follows the timeline of HamiltonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s life fairly faithfully from the time of his early childhood in the Caribbean to his death at the hands of Aaron Burr in a duel in 1804. Cobby uses letters, newspaper accounts, and journal entries to flesh out the story. She also adds some fictional characters, including Ajax Manley, a black Revolutionary War soldier who will become great friends with Hamilton and his family. Cobby doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t go into great detail about many aspects of HamiltonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s life, but she does try to show you what she felt both Hamiltons were thinking and feeling throughout their lives and especially, in their marriage. Maybe the author comes close to what actually happened, and maybe not. But she certainly helps us visualize what might have been.One thing that was especially disturbing is how toxic the political situation was during HamiltonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s life. We may think that 2016 is pretty bad, but we have nothing on the infighting between Hamilton, Jefferson, Monroe, Madison and Burr.The very sad part about Alexander HamiltonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s life is that because he was killed so young, those who outlived him have written their version of history, negating the genius of Hamilton and his wonderful contributions to our country. It has taken 212 years after HamiltonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s death, but heÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s finally getting his due.

Well-written and informative about a little know founding father. Good Read!

Great read that I found hard to,put down. Guess I knew very little about Hamilton.

Close to historical facts and very interesting story line. Kept me engaged and wanting more. Learned a lot about the times and founding fathers. Hamilton’s story is amazing.

I enjoyed reading this book and learning the story of Alexander Hamilton. But I also really enjoyed learning about Eliza.

An interesting read w accurate historical details woven in to the novel format.It was a quick read, and I have already passed it along.

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