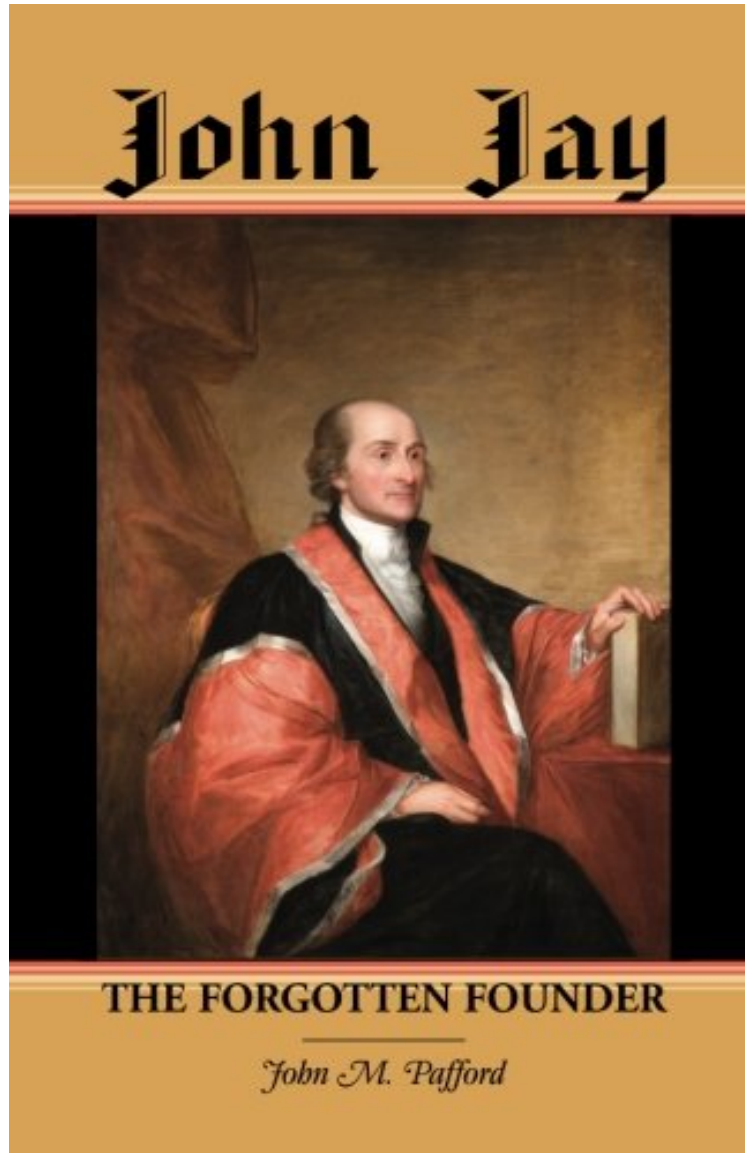


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John Jay was one of the founding fathers of the newly announced United States of America. Although largely overshadowed today by George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Adams, and Alexander Hamilton, in his day, John Jay was considered by his peers in the Continental Congress as the logical successor to George Washington as the chief executor of the fledgling nation. Among his many accomplishments were the presidency of the Continental Congress, becoming the minister plenipotentiary to Spain, and a member of the peace commission which successfully negotiated the 1783 Treaty of Paris which had Britain acknowledge the independence of the thirteen colonies. John Jay was also Washington's secretary of foreign affairs, co-authored 'The Federalist' papers, serviced as the first chief justice of the Supreme Court, and for two terms was the governor of New York. When he retired from political life he became the president of the American Bible Society. "John Jay: The Forgotten Founder" by John M. Pafford is a 224-page biography that admirably serves to bring the man and his contributions back to the forefront of history along with the story of his life, his manifold accomplishments, and his enduring legacy as leader and founder of the American nation. Enhanced with a chronology and an extensive bibliography, "John Jay: The Forgotten Founder" is a work of meticulous scholarship and well deserving of inclusion in both academic and community library American History and American Biography reference collections and supplemental reading lists.

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