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A LEAP IN THE DARK STRUGGLE TO CREATE AMERICAN REPUBLIC JOHN FERLING

Though I found the lighter fare of Ellis and Wood more delicious, A Leap in the Dark provided me with a heavy platter of information that I did not possess before. Nothing could be further from the truth, as shown by Ferling in this account of the Founding Fathers' struggles to do what had not been done before: create a nation.

John E. Ferling

Certainly not the author's fault that I've been reading the same things over and over again all year. It is one of the best seller books in this month. John Ferling taught for 39 years, mostly at the.

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Indeed, Ferling took the title of his book from the 1776 essay of an anti-independence Pennsylvanian who warned that separating from Great Britain would constitute 'a leap in the dark'. As John Ferling demonstrates in this well-written and accessible political history of the War of Independence and the first decades of the republic, the success of the American Revolution was not guaranteed. While books such as *The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin*, *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*, and *His Excellency: George Washington* did not attempt to cover the same enormous sweep of history that Ferling wrote about in *A Leap in the Dark*, Ellis and Wood did a much better job of capturing the humanity of the Founding Fathers and communicating to the reader the drama of the period.

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An MRE is nutritionally complete and very filling, containing several thousand calories, but the flavor leaves a lot to be desired. His book provides not just political and intellectual history, but emotional history as well. Ferling has written several books on the Revolutionary period, but *A Leap in the Dark* may well be his masterpiece.

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If it was an editorial issue, then the author should have been clearer in the text; if it was the author's fault, the editors should have insisted on better notes. After reading this book, I feel almost giddy over how much I learned, and over how insanely exciting this history was! Great ebook you must read is *Atlantis: The Antediluvian World*. .

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John Ferling has shown himself to be an insightful historian of our Revolution, and an unusually skillful writer. . It was a great overview of the American Revolution, focusing briefly on the contribution of the founding fathers.

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