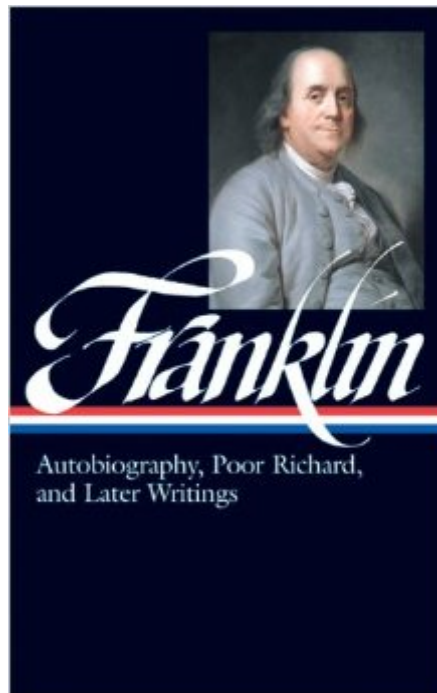


The book was found

Benjamin Franklin: Autobiography, Poor Richard, And Later Writings (Library Of America)



Synopsis

"Writing has been of Great Use to me in the Course of my Life," Benjamin Franklin said in his famous Autobiography. With characteristically calculated understatement, he attributed his enormous and varied successes to "my having learnt a little to scribble." This collection of Franklin's works begins with letters sent from London (1757-1775) describing the events and diplomacy preceding the Revolutionary War. The volume also contains political satires, bagatelles, pamphlets, and letters written in Paris (1776-1785), where he represented the revolutionary United States at the court of Louis XVI, as well as his speeches given in the Constitutional Convention and other works written in Philadelphia (1785-1790), including his last published article, a searing satire against slavery. Also included are the delightfully shrewd prefaces to Poor Richard's Almanack (1733-1758) and their worldly, pungent maxims that have entered our American culture. Finally, the classic Autobiography, Franklin's last word on his greatest literary creation-his own invented personality-is presented here in a new edition, completely faithful to Franklin's manuscript.

Book Information

Hardcover: 816 pages

Publisher: Library of America; 1997 edition (October 6, 2005)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1883011531

ISBN-13: 978-1883011536

Product Dimensions: 5.2 x 1.3 x 8.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (14 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #43,414 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #71 in [Books > Literature & Fiction > United States > Anthologies](#) #71 in [Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical > United States > American Revolution](#) #498 in [Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Leaders & Notable People > Military](#)

Customer Reviews

This book is a compilation of Franklin's Letters (from London 1757-75. from Paris 1776-85, and Philadelphia 1785-90), Poor Richard's Almanack (1733-58), his 4 part Autobiography (part 1: from 7/30-8/13/1771, part 2: 1784, part 3: 1788-5/1789, & part 4: 11/13/1789), a Chronology, Notes, and an Index. The letters were extremely interesting, not just as context for the period, but because they demonstrate the situation before, during, and after the Revolutionary War as well as Franklin's many

roles during his lifetime. The Chronology helps to put all of this into perspective. The 1st part of the Autobiography reads like a novel and was quite enjoyable. The later parts went into much detail of a limited number of activities and, unfortunately were never completed and didn't cover his activities in France. Poor Richards' Almanack was delightful in its later expositions of scientific advances etc. and, of course in its plethora of pithy sayings, maxims, and observations--though these were not just in Poor Richard's but exist throughout the entire volume. The Notes are particularly helpful by translating the many Latin expressions within the text. Some of these are political: p. 110: The wisest councils are liable to be misled, especially in matters remote from their inspection. p. 553: Laws like Cobwebs catch small flies, great ones break through before your eyes. p. 510: Pardoning the bad is injuring the good. p. 537 Ignorance leads me into a party, and shame keeps them from getting out again. p. 546: Laws too gentle are seldom obeyed; too severe, seldom executed. Some are psychological: p. 357: We are men, all subject to errors.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Benjamin Franklin: Autobiography, Poor Richard, and Later Writings (Library of America) Franklin: A Life of Genius | The True Story of Benjamin Franklin (Historical Biographies of Famous People) The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin (Dover Thrift Editions) The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin (Audio Editions) Richard Scarry's Best Word Book Ever / El mejor libro de palabras de Richard Scarry (Richard Scarry's Best Books Ever) (English, Multilingual and Spanish Edition) Rich Dad Poor Dad: What the Rich Teach Their Kids About Money - That the Poor and Middle Class Do Not! The Undercover Economist: Exposing Why the Rich Are Rich, the Poor Are Poor--and Why You Can Never Buy a Decent Used Car! Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse Amos Benjamin Franklin: An American Life Time For Kids: Benjamin Franklin: A Man of Many Talents (Time for Kids Biographies) The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin The Hatmaker's Sign: A Story by Benjamin Franklin Benjamin Franklin's Adventures with Electricity (Science Stories) Benjamin Franklin: Young Printer (Childhood of Famous Americans) History of the Family of Benjamin Snow, Who Is a Descendant of Richard Snow of Woburn, Massachusetts (Classic Reprint) Virgil Thomson: The State of Music & Other Writings: Library of America #277 (The Library of America) Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope Franklin Alfred's Basic Piano Library: Piano Lesson Book, Complete Levels 2 & 3 for the Later Beginner (Alfred's Basic Piano Library)

[Dmca](#)