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Alexander Hamilton American Richard Brookhiser

Alexander Hamilton American, is a superb biography of one of our country's founding fathers. Brookhiser is able to give the reader a great narrative of a man who truly was a great American. Brookhiser is able to explain the ups and downs of this truly remarkable man. Brookhiser is able to bring back some of the lost magic surrounding our founding fathers. He is able to make you truly believe that Hamilton truly was a great man, even though he was part of the first sex scandal in America. He makes you understand why Alexander Hamilton truly was a great American.

The book does a great job explaining where Alexander came from and why it is such an amazing thing to see where he ends up. Hamilton born in the Caribbean truly lives the "American dream." Born a "bastard" or "son of a whore" Hamilton is able to become one of the most educated, and amazing of the founding fathers. Hamilton worked as a merchants clerk as a young man on St. Croix. He is left in control of the store at the age of 14, and he proves that he is a very good at his job. He then moved on to go to college at Kings College in New York where he would be in a place unlike where he was born.

Brookhiser explains how Hamilton was in a place that was new and exciting. New York was much larger than St. Croix and Hamilton was able to rub elbows with a new type of elite class.