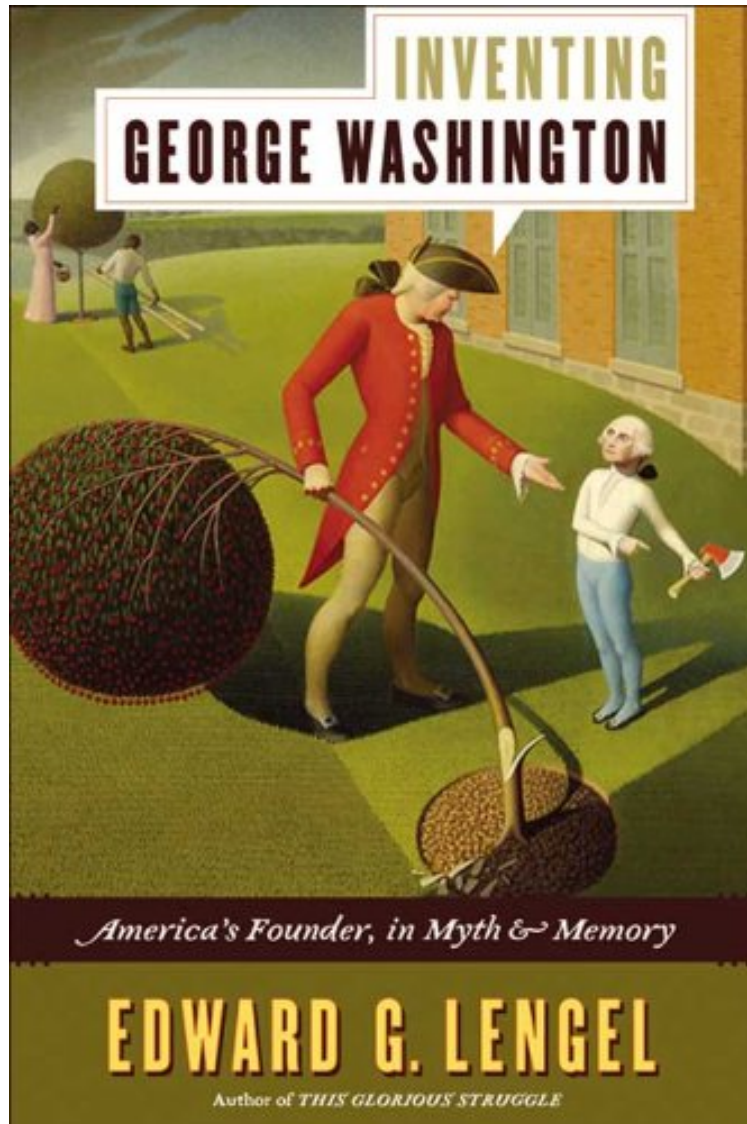


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Washington? As author Edward Lengel tells us, there are as many inventors, not creators, as there are George Washingtons, and that is a lot. The real George Washington who lived in Virginia has been reinvented so many times as to be undiscoverable George Washington, who served his country as legislator, soldier and president would, in Myth and Memory, continue to be morph to meet the changing needs of the country he founded. "Inventing George Washington" is less the story of George Washington than the stories of George Washington; the stories told, made up and invented about him. The focus is not what he did, but what his countrymen did with him. Lengel begins with a brief synopsis of the facts of George Washington's life. After his death Washington became the stuff of legend and lore. Arranged by topic, this book introduces us first to the biographers, charlatans and outright frauds who turned a profit on Washington. We then move on to his loves, his appearances in sances and the places he "slept". There are two parts that I enjoyed the most. One is the portion that investigates the spins put on Washington's religious beliefs by followers who strove to justify their own Christianity or skepticism by identifying it with the Father of Our Country. The other is the study of successive writers who have treated their subject in various ways as the impression of him has modified over time. Washington has been depicted as the unerring hero, the bungling soldier and president, the marble statue, the indispensable man and, in more recent books and films, a human being, less of stone and virtue and more of flesh and blood, thoughts and emotions, loves and hates. Although this book is short, it does make the reader think about who George Washington was and how and why he has been presented to us in the ways that he has. For anyone who likes to think out our history, it is a rewarding read.

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