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**The life and lessons of the Founding Father who mastered the arts of wit, war, and wealth, long before becoming the subject of Broadway's *Hamilton: An American Musical***

Two centuries after his death, Alexander Hamilton is shining once more under the world's spotlight and we need him now more than ever.

Hamilton was a self-starter. Scrappy. Orphaned as a child, he came to America with nothing but a code of honor and a hunger to work. He then went on to help win the Revolutionary War and ratify the Constitution, create the country's financial system, charm New York's most eligible ladies, and land his face on our \$10 bill. The ultimate underdog, he combined a fearless, independent spirit with a much-needed dose of American optimism.

Hamilton died before he could teach us the lessons he learned, but *Alexander Hamilton's Guide to Life* unlocks his core principles intended for anyone interested in success, romance, money, or dueling. They include:

- .Speak with Authority Even If You Have None (Career)
- .Seduce with Your Strengths (Romance)
- .Find Time for the Quills and the Bills (Money)
- .Put the Father in Founding Father (Friends & Family)
- .Being Right Trumps Being Popular (Leadership)

For history buffs and pop-culture addicts alike, this mix of biography, humor, and advice offers a fresh take on a nearly forgotten Founding Father, and will spark a revolution in your own life.

## Alexander Hamilton's Guide to Life Details

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## Collette says

"Alexander Hamilton's Guide to Life" was truly a wonderful read. Inspired by the musical, I picked up this book hoping for more background information on Hamilton's life, and was pleasantly surprised. I found that the book not only gave me tips on how to ensure I have strong friendships and am successful in whichever career I choose, but it also taught me to be a good, strong person who leads by example, is honest, and has integrity. In addition to learning how to be a better person based off of Alexander Hamilton's advice, this book teaches you the things we can learn from his mistakes, as well. I highly recommend this book to anyone, whether you're a hardcore "Hamilton" fan like me, or someone looking for some insight on Alexander Hamilton's life.

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## Syd (deertales) says

4 1/2 stars! (since my brother says I give out 5 stars too freely) I HIGHLY recommend this book to anyone riding the Hamilton train right now, i.e. everyone I know minus a few key family members. Wilser does such a wonderful job of infusing modern humor, the Hamilton musical, and historical fun facts that the musical may have left out or brushed over. This was such an entertaining and moderately quick read, and I am really happy to have it in my Hamilton collection.

PLUS: Wilser shares some more awesome Hamilton accomplishments that history has forgotten. I am now thoroughly convinced A Ham is the most underrated founding father. poor guy.

"how much energy do we waste on venom? so the next time you get in a fender bender and it's the other guy's fault, first address him as 'my dear sir.' and if things escalate and you have to call the cops, remind him that you remain, as always, his obedient servant."

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## Alexander Hamilton says

Jeff Wilser expertly and hilariously relates a remarkable life that took place 200+ years ago to the readers of today. Hamilton's letters and essays are certainly a treasure trove of information and knowledge; however, they can seem distant given the complexity of the language and the subjects covered. Wilser gives an intriguing look at what some may consider a boring subject (such as bonds, banks, and debt) and relates it to the 21st century reader.

Not only does he manage to bring 18th century aspects of life to the modern day, he gives his readers a few personal insights into the enigma that is Alexander Hamilton. There is certainly nothing uncomplicated about the nation's first Treasury Secretary, but again Wilser manages to bring him down from his current exalted status and somehow simplify the tangled life and nuances of Hamilton.

Wilser never claims to have written a comprehensive book about the life of Alexander Hamilton, but instead ensures his readers that this is a book written for entertainment and hopefully a bit of fun. And indeed, I was

quite entertained. The writing style from the very beginning was effortless and keeps the reader hooked while still somehow incorporating the most complex ideas and passages.

All in all, *Hamilton's Guide to Life* is a marvelous book. I can only hope he had as much fun writing it as I had reading it.

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### **Danica (The Hogsmeade Reader) says**

I often end up getting disappointed with some of the Hamilton-inspired novels I try to read. But this isn't really a novel PLUS based on what I've read, it's 90% humor so

**COUNT. ME. IN.**

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### **Kierstin Veldkamp says**

This book is amazing. The year isn't over yet but I can almost guarantee that it will be my favorite one of 2016. I learned so much from this book in a fun and interesting way. I really enjoyed reading this book while visiting NYC to see the musical Hamilton. It provided so much insight into Hamilton's life and connections to the musical. I found myself laughing in multiple parts which I enjoyed. Wilser writes "like he's running out of time" with so much passion for Hamilton and The United States Hamilton helped to create. I am in awe of the founding fathers' accomplishments and appreciate the legacy of Alexander Hamilton that we now all get to know about.

A definite must read for anyone who loves Hamilton and a perfect companion to those seeing the musical.

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### **Quentin Larcher says**

Enjoyed the wisdom, thumbs up! I keep reading about folks who go shot. I can't help but wonder that perhaps I should also look into folks who made it out without people killing them! lol

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### **Wyldrabbit says**

Read this book. It is a fascinating look into a man who helped shape America. If I could go back in time and meet one person, I think Alexander Hamilton would be at the top of my list. I was never a history buff. Anyone who went to school with me, knows I basically fell asleep in class during the lectures and I never did well on the assignments. I was a horrible student. Bored out of my mind. I struggled to pick up a C average. School just sucked, and it brought to light the fear I was as dumb as a stump. It was hard work for me and my brain had little retention no matter how many notebooks I filled with facts and lecture notes. I felt embarrassingly stupid, shy, and afraid someone would notice. But, I read like the wind when I found something I liked, and I retained it. If they would have assigned this book, I would have been a much better

student. I feel robbed, in a way.

The book is more exciting than any fiction, and Jeff Wilser does an absolutely fantastic job putting the book together. I will not only recommend this book, I will be quoting it.

\*I was given an advance copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. #?BookAdvocatesUnite?

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### **Melissa says**

Entertaining, informative, inspirational, motivational. Good for play obsessors, history buffs and any reader looking for a worthy investment.

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### **Sarah - All The Book Blog Names Are Taken says**

Fantastic read. On track to be one of my favorite books of 2016. I picked this one up because as the show became so popular, I realized how little I actually knew about Alexander Hamilton. This book does wonders to remedy that. Full review to come. Highly recommended.

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### **Beth says**

Quick read, very enjoyable. He worked hard for everything - was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth. He made mistakes, but really was the genius behind setting up the USA and why we are as stable as we are now - 200 plus years later.

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### **Jeff Wilser says**

Confession: My rating is a tad biased, in that I am the person who wrote the book.

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### **Karen says**

I really enjoyed this book. It offers Hamilton's words organized by events in his life. An interesting and fun read, especially for a historical book.

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### **Alyssa Lentz says**

This was such a quick, fun read that puts Hamilton's life into a modern perspective with a lot of good humor

and context. I expected it to be sort of witty and tongue-in-cheek (which it was), but I also managed to learn quite a bit from it along the way! A great option if you want some background on the guy in the musical but can't quite bring yourself to tackle Chernow. :)

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### **Leslie Goddard says**

A snappy, fun, read that is both a biography of Hamilton (in a way -- it's not heavily detailed but you do get a good, solid, basic story of his life) and a set of lessons to be learned from how he lived. The greatest strength of this book is Wilser's delightful, modern, funny writing style (in the first sentence, he writes that Hamilton was "a Founding Father, a war hero, the creator of the modern economy and the winner of a silver medal for '2nd place in Dueling.'"). It's delightful to read his take on things, especially when he draws modern comparisons to issues that Hamilton faced. The only reason I don't give it five stars (although I almost did) is that I think the organization, which is chronological to give a timeline story of Hamilton's life, overwhelms the goal of drawing lessons from Hamilton's life. There are so many lessons here that after a while, I stopped paying attention to the life lessons to be learned and just followed the biographical story. There are nearly 70 life lessons/chapters, which were so many it was hard for me to remember them, and some of them seem a bit contrived. I finished the book feeling like I had read a refreshingly entertaining, nicely summarized biography of Hamilton. I would easily recommend this fun, readable book for anyone with an interest in Hamilton's life who doesn't have the time or inclination to read a massive biography.

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### **Meggan Turner says**

This was so perfect! I love reading about Hamilton, he was such an interesting and inspiring man, and any information about him is amazing, but the way this book is written is next level! I loved how it was split into advice, it was funny and it was also so so informative about everything to do with him! It provided information I never knew, and really let me get more into the person that is Alexander Hamilton - but in such a nice way, that you can even learn from him even after all these years! Jeff did a perfect job and I would recommend this to everyone! A nearly forgotten Founding Father is once again brought to life!

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