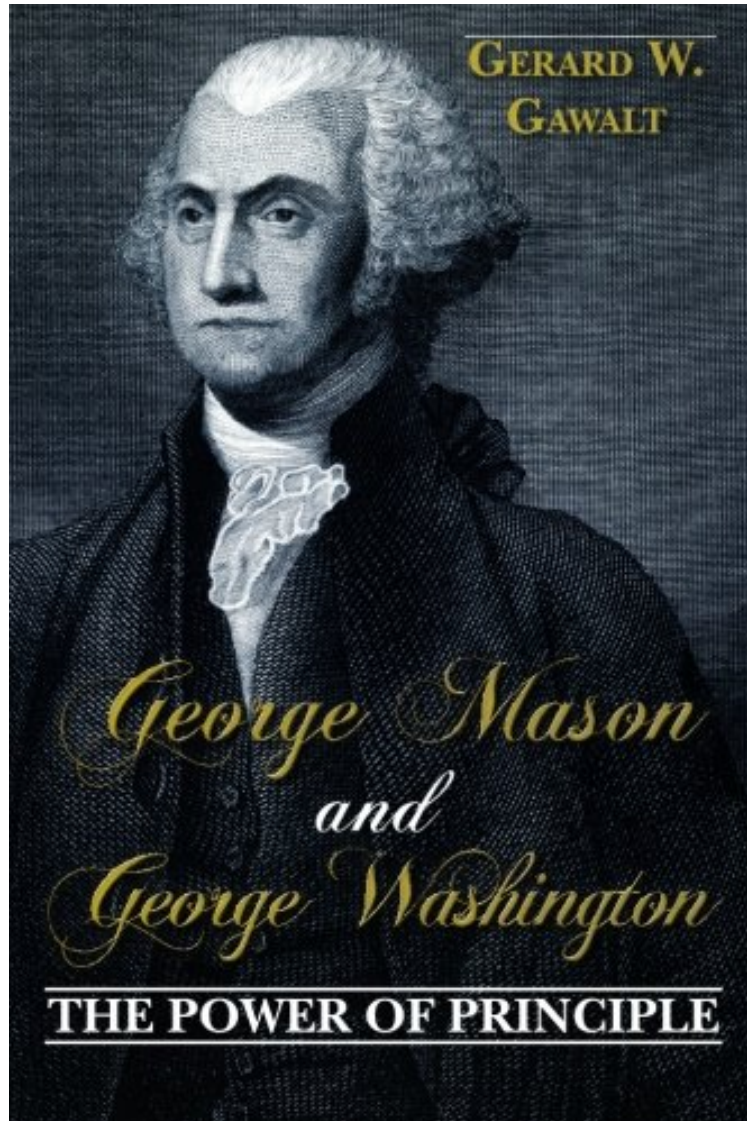


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good book, poor editing/proofreadingBy JoeWAn excellent introduction to a nearly forgotten founding father and his life-long relationship with our first president, Gerard Gawalt's George Mason and George Washington: The Power of Principle is a well written and mostly enjoyable read. If you are looking for a "scholarly" book with copious footnotes and citations, this is probably not the book for you, as

Gewalt provides only a list of sources at the end of the volume. However, if you enjoy reading about the founding of our country and the people who made it possible, you will enjoy this book. The only complaint I have, and the reason that I gave the book only four stars, is that there are typographical errors throughout the entire first portion of the book. Missing words, grammatical errors and punctuation errors abound, which for me, was quite distracting. A simple spelling and grammar check in whatever word processor was used would have corrected a major portion of the errors.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Fabulous Book on These Two Founding Fathers
By Michael D. Hill
As an avid reader of books about the Founding Fathers and Founding Mothers, I have been for years a great fan of Mr. Gawalt's books. I loved his two books on Presidential letters to their wives and daughters and, most recently, found his book on Jefferson, "Circle of Friends", to be a fascinating and absorbing read. His style of telling history, through the primary documents of various personal, professional and political relationships throughout history is, quite simply, history at its best. His books focus on what makes these people tick and what makes them human. His latest work on Washington and George Mason -- one well-known Founding Father, one not so well-known -- is a fascinating examination of a complex and intriguing relationship. I anxiously look forward to Mr. Gawalt's next endeavor in history.

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By Ed Allen
Interesting read

George Mason and George Washington: The Power of Principle is a unique book combining narrative and primary documents to reveal the complex intertwined lives of George Mason and George Washington. Neighboring planters in northern Virginia, Mason and Washington could not have been more dissimilar in appearance and personality. Yet they forged a firm friendship and powerful political partnership. Principle, pride, friendship and courage carried them through the firestorms of the American Revolution. When it became clear in the aftermath of the revolutionary war that the United States needed a new constitution, both men led the way. Their partnership divided on the selection and application of principles to the writing of the new federal constitution and the formation of the new federal government. Ultimately, Mason refused to sign the new constitution or join and support the new federal government. Washington refused to accept his actions. And so their friendship and political partnership floundered on the rocks of principle and pride. All of the personal correspondence and collaborative documents of the two men are also in this book.

About the Author
Gerard W. Gawalt has for more than forty-five years been a historian specializing in America's founders and American presidential families. Gawalt has served as curator of major exhibits at the Library of Congress and appeared on many television programs including The Today Show, History Channel, Washington Journal, Discovery Channel and C-Span's programs on American presidents and writers. Gawalt is the author or co-author of more than a dozen books, including Circle of Friends: Thomas Jefferson and His Women Correspondents, My Dear President, First Daughters (with his own daughter Ann Gawalt), and The Declaration of Independence: The Evolution of the Text. Gawalt and his wife, Jane, reside in Springfield, Virginia and New Harbor, Maine. They are the parents of three daughters (Susan, Ann, and Ellen) and six grandchildren (Caitlin, Sarah, Emma, Mary Elizabeth, Abigail, and Jonathan).