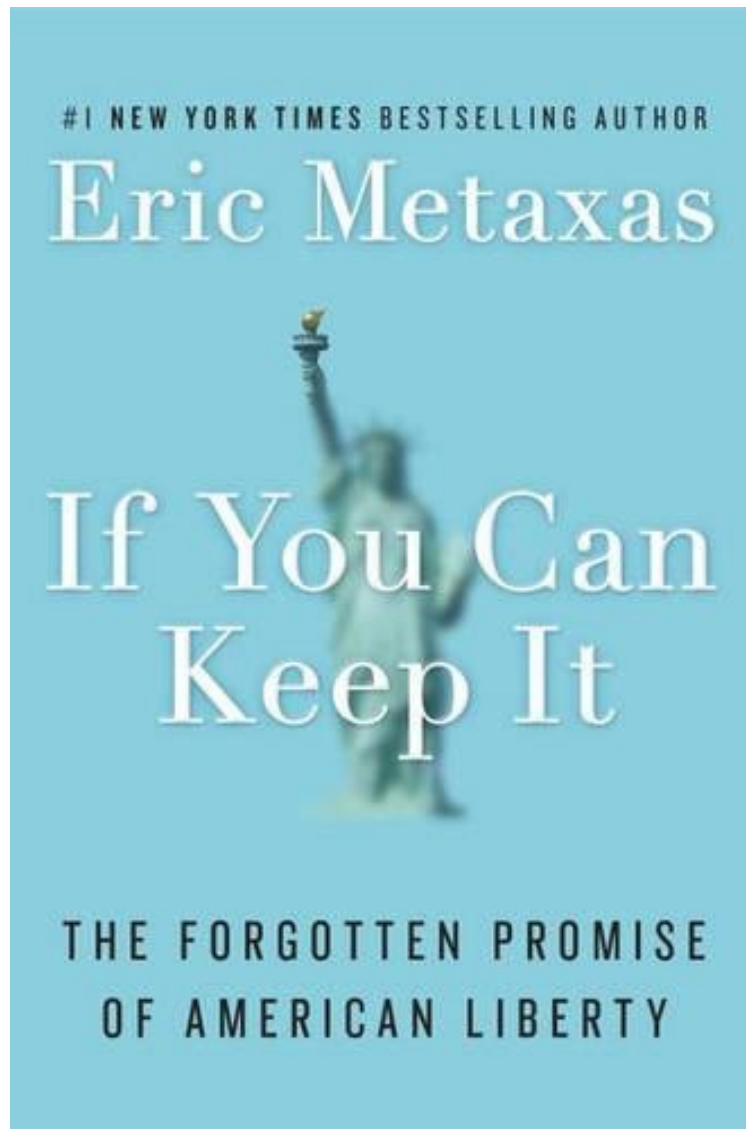


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106 of 110 people found the following review helpful. A good kind of political By Doug Hibbard I cannot help but think many will dismiss Metaxas' latest as a simple political tome. After all, he's fairly well pigeon-holed on the

"conservative" side of the fence in modern life. However, this is more of a historical review than a candidate advocacy book. First of all, Metaxas reviews the founding of the United States. Obviously, for the sake of time, he simplifies some of the history but does not take excessive liberty. I do think that some debate is valid over the religious views of the Founding Fathers (Jefferson, especially) but Metaxas is right that they were all convinced of the need for a morality based outside of human preference for self-governance. Second, the charge here is clear: liberty is the heritage of America but we are foolishly giving it away. He identifies both liberal and conservative errors that are confounding our heritage. In all, a good challenging read. May it inform not only votes but our approach to a republic and liberty as a whole. 99 of 105 people found the following review helpful. Most important book to read this summer! By Lancia E. Smith I have not read anything in the past couple of decades that has stirred in me so much a sense of the fragile and awesome responsibility of what it means to be American. This is a book written to reach the hearts of Americans who love America but whose memory of our precious identity has been covered with tarnish. Citations for the many references would have earned this title a 5 star review, but even without them, I can say this is very likely the most important book you can read this year. What Eric Metaxas does well, he does better than just about anyone. He stirs memory, longing, and calling while shining a light forward. Few books you read this year will give you a greater sense of hope or accountability! Buy it, read it, and give copies to your loved ones! Who of us does not need to remember how precious a gift and responsibility we have to uphold America? 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent review of American history and how to keep the liberty we have fought so hard for. By Dawn M. Darby This book is encouraging and discouraging. It is a great lesson in US history--how America came to be what it was. But have we lost it? That's the scary part. Eric Metaxas isn't a downer, rather he calls the reader to remember the Golden Triangle of Freedom: virtue, faith, freedom. This is a call to remember who we were and who we can be. It is not a blind patriotism, but one that takes the strengths and weaknesses of America into account and calls us higher. I love Eric Metaxas' writing. I love his humor and his passion. This is history we all need to remember so we can keep the liberty so many have fought for.

#1 New York Times bestselling author Eric Metaxas delivers an extraordinary book that is part history and part rousing call to arms, steeped in a critical analysis of our founding fathers' original intentions for America. In 1787, when the Constitution was drafted, a woman asked Ben Franklin what the founders had given the American people. "A republic," he shot back, "if you can keep it." More than two centuries later, Metaxas examines what that means and how we are doing on that score. *If You Can Keep It* is at once a thrilling review of America's uniqueness including our role as a "nation of nations" and a chilling reminder that America's greatness cannot continue unless we embrace our own crucial role in living out what the founders entrusted to us. Metaxas explains that America is not a nation bounded by ethnic identity or geography, but rather by a radical and unprecedented idea, based on liberty and freedom for all. He cautions us that it's nearly past time we reconnect to that idea, or we may lose the very foundation of what made us exceptional in the first place. Eric Metaxas's latest book, *Martin Luther*, will be available from Viking in Fall 2017.

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