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The drama of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson is the foundation story of America—courage, loyalty, hope, fanaticism, greatness, failure, forgiveness, love.

Agony and Eloquence

John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and a World of Revolution

By Daniel L. Mallock

“Daniel Mallock’s *Agony and Eloquence* offers a refreshing look at the Jefferson/Adams correspondence, showing that sometimes friendship can overcome even the deepest differences.”
—Larry Schweikart, bestselling author of *The Patriot’s History of the United States*

Agony and Eloquence: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and a World of Revolution (Skyhorse Publishing, February 2016) is the story of the greatest friendship in American history and of the revolutionary times in which it came together, fell apart, and was ultimately renewed.

In the wake of Washington’s retirement, longtime friends Thomas Jefferson and John Adams came to represent the opposing political forces vying to shape America’s future. Adams’s victory in the 1796 presidential election brought Jefferson into the administration as an unlikely and deeply conflicted vice president. The bloody Republican revolution in France finally brought their political differences to a fever pitch. In a thorough take on this fascinating period, Daniel L. Mallock outlines how a young America’s major players, their relationships, and the events around them run eerily parallel to revolutionary developments in France.

Many important and fascinating people appear in the book, including:

- Thomas Paine
- Abigail Adams
- James Madison
- John Quincy Adams
- Tobias Lear
- Samuel Adams
- Maximilien Robespierre
- Alexander Hamilton
- Georges Danton
- Louis Antoine de Saint-Just
- Marquis de Lafayette
- John Marshall

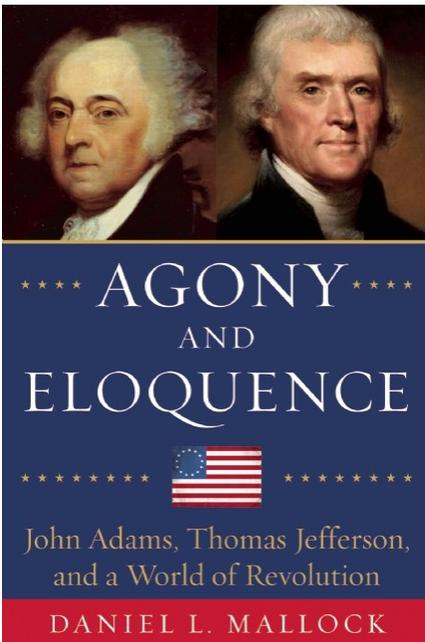


These major characters are brought to life by Mallock's insightful analysis and clear and lively writing. *Agony and Eloquence* is a thoroughly researched and tautly written modern history, weaving Jefferson and Adams's actual correspondence with Mallock's gripping narrative style.

About the Author

Daniel L. Mallock grew up within walking distance of Peacefield, the Quincy, Massachusetts, home of John and Abigail Adams. Daniel was a member of the Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston and the Quincy Historical Society. He attended Ripon College and Brandeis University and has published articles in *North and South*. He lives in Nashville, Tennessee, with his family and several cats.

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