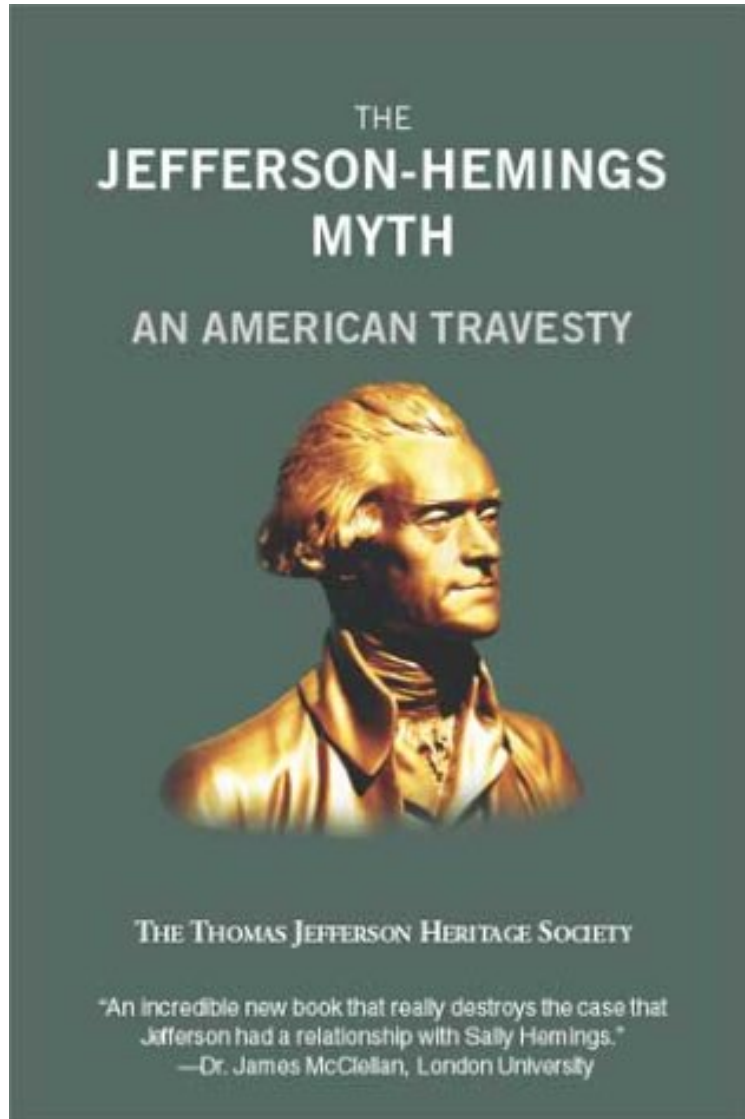


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Gregory J. TisdaleMUST READ ! !7 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Really?By Scott BoatrightThe most impressive aspect of this book is its wonderfully clear and concise illustration of the lengths to which some will go in order to promote their version of historical events. Those charged with the maintenance of Thomas Jefferson's home, the understanding of his meaning in our

national psyche, together with those previously thought to be eminent Jefferson scholars, have obviated their objectivity and reputations in an effort to calumniate the man who they are charged to clarify and explain, and to whom they owe their livelihood. It is one thing to discuss past events for which there is no possibility of obtaining absolute answers, but it is quite another to stack conjecture upon possibility and draw hard and fast conclusions and promote them as fact in a manner that attempts to alter history. This book shows the initial conclusion drawn by the Hemings Sympathizers and the hackneyed and torturous machinations and flawed logic needed to justify that conclusion. Mr. Jefferson may have impregnated his slave...we cannot, with any absolute certainty, prove or disprove that. However, the Sympathizers would have you believe a set of subjectively chosen circumstances (while omitting, ignoring or minimizing other circumstances), absolutely proves their point. But the plot thickens when it becomes clear that this isn't a case wherein some information was accidentally overlooked or just didn't make it in to the final report the Sympathizers rely on...rather, a lot of information was altered or purposely withheld because it didn't further the Sympathizer's claim, and thus paints a very different picture than that available with the full spectrum of information available. This is no longer a case of "intelligent minds can disagree"; it has now taken on the sense that "the Sympathizers intend to do anything to win...and no historical record or facts to the contrary will stand in their way." I have read both the Sympathizer's case and the clearly delineated and effective reduction of it's veracity in this book...now I want to understand the monumental motivations behind what appears to be a wide-spread and ham-handed effort to sacrifice a national icon, for the sake of...what? Political correctness? Proof of miscegenation and misogyny? A need for a black studies anti-hero? A desire to alter history? A pound of flesh for Sally after 200 years? What is the motivation? Everything from the timing of the false announcement that Mr. Jefferson fathered slave children to the change in belief of everyone from the Director of Monticello, to various historians all points to a concerted effort to alter the historical record. And while discovering the Sympathizer's motivations may be intriguing, I fear the answers would show nothing more than the peurile rantings of biased and bigoted people who did it because they could. After all, who cares about another dead white guy? Only those who care about what went into making this country. If you have a sense of objectivity about this subject, read this book...if not, then enjoy the prurient intimations wrapped up in the fantasy novels of Tom and Sally.

5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. First Book in a series of Jefferson defenders - Read it and judge for yourself
By Christian F. Sahlman
This book was one of the first to be published in response to the misleading Nature article and subsequent media (mis) pronouncements that the DNA was indisputable that Jefferson was, in fact, the father of the youngest of the Sally Hemings' sons. The DNA concluded that "a Jefferson" was the father, however, at that time there were 20+ potential male Jeffersons that lived in Albemarle county that could have been the biological father. It is easy to understand that many Jefferson males would travel to see the most famous Jefferson during his infrequent returns to Monticello during his political career. Their access to Sally during Thomas' visits home is even more plausible and understandable. Couple this with the fact Thomas was in his 60's during the time of conception, and the evidence of Jefferson as father is more doubtful. Lost in the Nature article is the fact that the DNA evidence 100% exonerated Thomas Jefferson in the paternity of Thomas Woodson who had the strongest "oral tradition" (whatever that is worth) of being Jefferson's son who was supposedly conceived while he was in France with the 14 year old (and highly immature according to Abigail Adams) Sally Hemings. I would also suggest reading the *The Jefferson-Hemings Controversy: The Scholars Report*, *Jefferson Vindicated*, and *In Defense of Thomas Jefferson* if you would like to hear a more fact-based rebuttal to the hyperventilated media, oral traditions, and agenda based interpretations of our third president. Amazon carries all three of these well-researched books.

This book carefully examines the facts and finds that, contrary to the way the matter has been portrayed in the news media, there is no substantial evidence at all to support the charge that Thomas Jefferson had a relationship with Sally Hemings. In fact, the best evidence indicates it never happened. The book details how evidence that would exonerate Jefferson was ignored, how the news media were manipulated, how dissent was suppressed, how one early document was altered to reverse its meaning, and how the scientific evidence was given a misleading headline in order to make it appear that Jefferson was guilty. Dr. James McClellan of London University described it as "An incredible new book that really destroys the case that Jefferson had a relationship with Sally Hemings."

I found particularly poignant the final chapter titled *Conclusions and Consequences* by Bahman Batmanghelidj. Bravo! it is very well stated. -- Caspar W. Weinberger, Jr
The claim that Thomas Jefferson fathered children with his slave Sally Hemings has been shown to be baseless. -- Insight Magazine, Dr. James P. Lucier
An incredible new book that really destroys the case that Jefferson had a relationship with Sally Hemings. -- Dr. James McClellan, London University
From the Publisher
Read This Book To Find Out: How the myth that accuses Thomas Jefferson of fathering the children of Sally Hemings began with allegations made by a scurrilous scandalmonger as part of an unsuccessful blackmail scheme to force President Jefferson to appoint him to a government job. How the results of a 1998 DNA study were overstated in such a way as to mislead the public into believing that scientific tests had proved Thomas Jefferson was the father of Sally Hemings last child. How information about other Jefferson males living in the

vicinity of Monticello who could have been the father of Sally Hemings last child was kept from the news media and even omitted from some scholarly books. How the news media were provided with the fallacious title of a scientific study, and how some were misled into denigrating Thomas Jefferson as a liar, a hypocrite, and a fraud based on that false and misleading information. How the descendants of Tom Woodson continue to maintain he was the son of Thomas Jefferson even though the DNA tests conclusively disproved this long-repeated family story. Why exhuming the body of Thomas Jefferson and subjecting it to DNA testing cannot prove whether or not someone living today is or is not a descendant of his. How a research committee ignored all the contrary evidence and suppressed a dissenting minority report in order to arrive at the conclusion that Thomas Jefferson was probably the father of all Sally Hemings' children. Why a deceptive statistical study indicating a high probability of Jefferson's guilt is based on inadequate evidence and is invalid. Why, from a legal viewpoint, the case against Thomas Jefferson is deficient in any substantial evidence and completely without merit. How a key letter written by Jefferson's granddaughter was altered by one author to reverse its clear meaning, and then reprinted and used as authority by other advocates of the Jefferson-Hemings myth. Why a group of citizens felt it necessary to form the Thomas Jefferson Heritage Society in order to expose the false information being disseminated to destroy the reputation of the Founding Father who, as George Will said, "gave us our creed" and "defined the American mind." How these attacks on Jefferson are also used by some to undermine the principles he stood for and on which the American republic was founded. About the Author Eyler Robert Coates, Sr., (Editor) is editor-compiler of the Jefferson Quotations website at UVA (etext.virginia.edu/jefferson/quotations) and several other Jefferson-related websites. Mr. Coates is former head librarian at Shenandoah University, and formerly a supervisor at the Library of Congress.