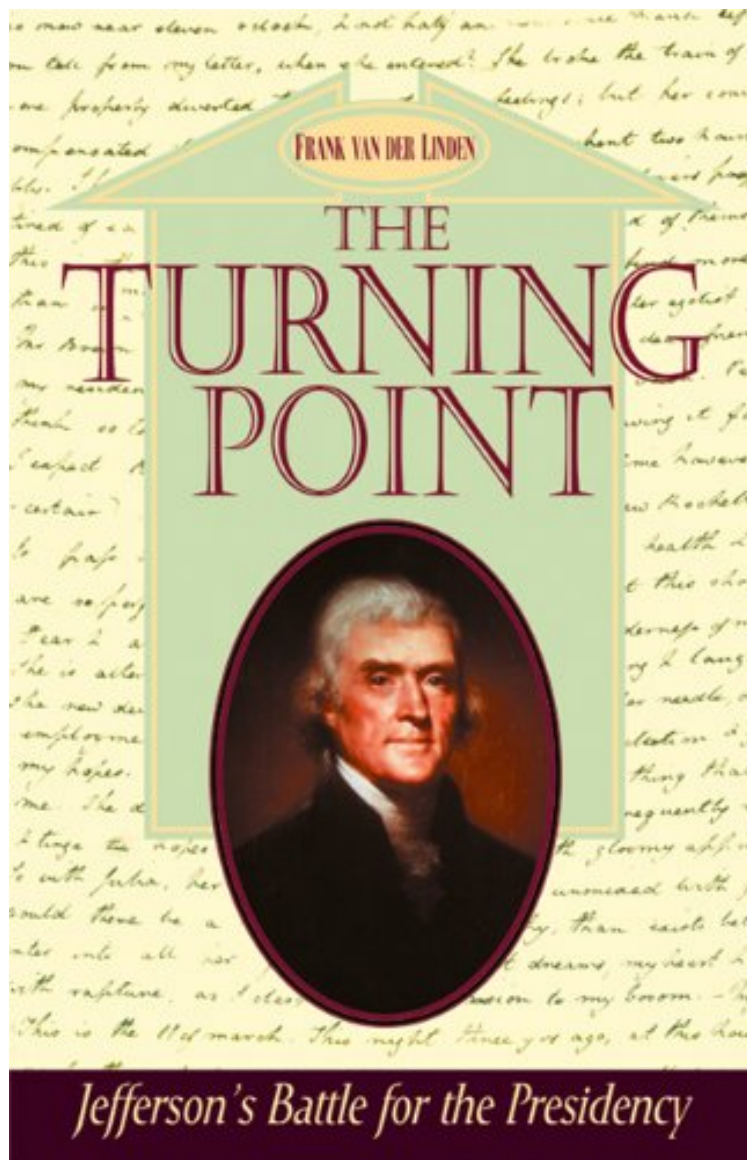


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A pivotal turning point in the affairs of an infant republic, Jefferson's election ended the Federalist era of aristocratic rule and opened the doors to the age of modern democracy.

About the Author Frank van der Linden became a Civil War historian after nearly half a century as a Washington newspaper correspondent, covering Congress and the White House. He first interviewed President Harry Truman at a poker party for congressional Democrats in 1945 and closed his White House career with President George H. W. Bush.