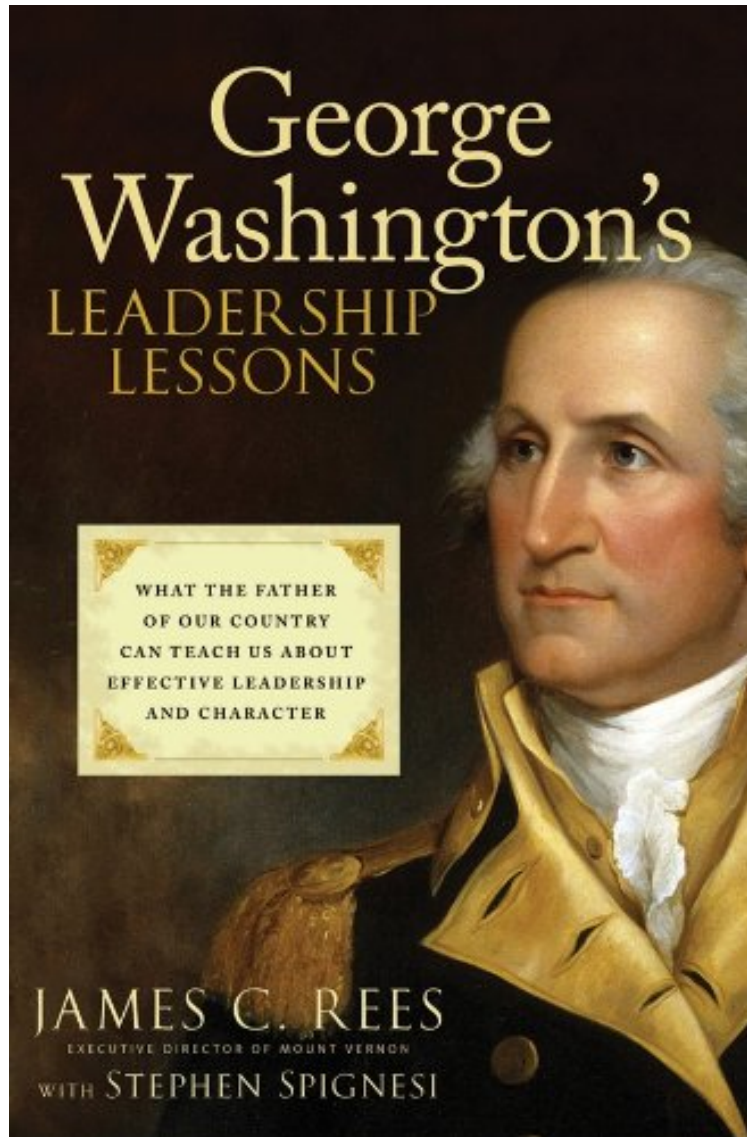


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From James Rees, Executive Director of Mount Vernon, comes an enlightening guide to the leadership wisdom of America's first great leader. George Washington was more than just an inspiring battlefield commander; he was critical to the founding and success of the United States of America. His leadership, his vision, and his courage united a war-torn country and set the United States on the path to greatness. Washington's historic contribution to this nation--his leadership and his character--are as relevant and valuable today as they have ever been. This book reveals Washington's character, his leadership, his vision, and most surprising of all, his business skills and acumen. Most people aren't aware that Washington, while all of the above, was also a successful businessman and visionary entrepreneur. Exhibiting qualities sorely lacking in so many of our political and business leaders today, Washington remained steadfastly honest and ethical, following guiding principles that would benefit leaders around the world. George Washington's Leadership Lessons reveals a man of true character, worthy of emulation not just in the realm of politics and war, but in all leadership positions.

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