

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

### May's Topic: Vice Presidents

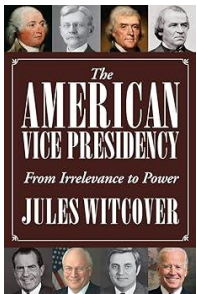
Meeting Date: Thursday, May 23rd, 2024 at 6:30pm

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by calling 317-881-1953.

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

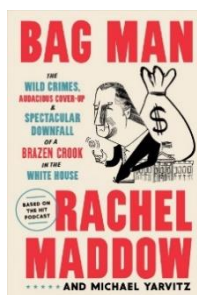
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to a Vice President (preferably pre-21<sup>st</sup> century). Once you've read/watched/ listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

#### Books:



[The American Vice Presidency](#) by Jules Witcover –eBook via [Libby](#)\*

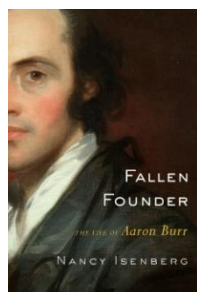
Acclaimed political journalist and author Jules Witcover chronicles each of the 47 vice presidents, including their personal biographies and their achievements—or lack thereof—during their vice presidential tenures. He explores how the roles and responsibilities were first subject to the whims of the presidents under whom they served, but came in time to be expanded by enlightened chief executives and the initiatives of the vice presidents themselves. Constitutionally assigned only to preside over the Senate as they stand by to fill a presidential vacancy, early vice presidents were left to languish in irrelevance and ineffectiveness; only in recent decades have vice presidents received—or taken—more power.



[Bag Man: The Wild Crimes, Audacious Cover-up, & Spectacular Downfall of a Brazen Crook in the White House](#) by Rachel Maddow & Michael Yarvitz – NONFICTION

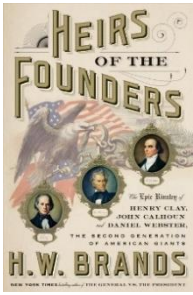
HISTORY UNITED STATES 20<sup>th</sup> Century Maddow

In this blockbuster account, Rachel Maddow and Michael Yarvitz detail the investigation that exposed Agnew's crimes, the attempts at a cover-up—which involved future president George H. W. Bush—and the backroom bargain that forced Agnew's resignation but also spared him years in federal prison. Based on the award-winning hit podcast, *Bag Man* expands and deepens the story of Spiro Agnew's scandal.



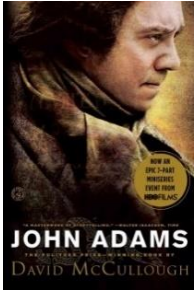
[Fallen Founder: The Life of Aaron Burr](#) by Nancy Isenberg – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY BURR

The narrative of America's founding is filled with godlike geniuses--and then there was Aaron Burr. Generations have been told Burr was a betrayer--of Hamilton, of his country, of those with nobler ideas. All untrue: the politically aggressive Hamilton was preoccupied with Burr and subverted Burr's career at every turn for more than a decade. Historian Isenberg proves that Burr was no less a patriot and no less a principled thinker than those who debased him.



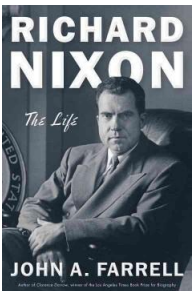
[Heirs of the Founders: The Epic Rivalry of Henry Clay, John Calhoun, and Daniel Webster](#) by H. W. Brands – NONFICTION HISTORY United States Brands; [eAudio](#) on Libby\*

In the early 1800s, three young men strode onto the national stage, elected to Congress at a moment when the Founding Fathers were beginning to retire to their farms. Daniel Webster of Massachusetts, a champion orator known for his eloquence, spoke for the North and its business class. Henry Clay of Kentucky; as dashing as he was ambitious, embodied the hopes of the rising West. South Carolina's John Calhoun, with piercing eyes and an even more piercing intellect, defended the South and slavery.



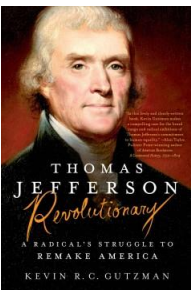
[John Adams](#) by David G. McCullough – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY Adams; [eAudio](#) and [eBook](#) via Libby\*

In this powerful, epic biography, David McCullough unfolds the adventurous life journey of John Adams, the brilliant, fiercely independent, often irascible, always honest Yankee patriot who spared nothing in his zeal for the American Revolution; who rose to become the second president of the United States and saved the country from blundering into an unnecessary war; who was learned beyond all but a few and regarded by some as “out of his senses”; and whose marriage to the wise and valiant Abigail Adams is one of the moving love stories in American history.



[Richard Nixon: The Life](#) by John A. Farrell – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY Nixon; [eBook](#) and [eAudio](#) via Libby\*

At the end of WWII, navy Lieutenant Nixon returned from the Pacific and set his cap at Congress, an idealistic dreamer seeking to build a better world. Yet amid the turns of that now-legendary 1946 campaign, Nixon's finer attributes gave way to unapologetic ruthlessness. The story of that transformation is the stunning overture to John A. Farrell's magisterial biography of the president who came to embody postwar American resentment and division. Richard Nixon is a gripping and unsparing portrayal of our darkest president.



[Thomas Jefferson, Revolutionary: A Radical's Struggle to Remake America](#) by Kevin R. C. Gutzman – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY Jefferson; [eBook](#) via Hoopla\*

Though remembered chiefly as author of the Declaration of Independence and the president under whom the Louisiana Purchase was affected, Thomas Jefferson was a true revolutionary in the way he thought about the size and reach of government, which Americans were full citizens, and the role of education in the new country. Author Kevin Gutzman gives readers a new view of Jefferson—a revolutionary who effected radical change in a growing country.

[Thomas R. Marshall, Lawyer: A Study of the Country Lawyer](#) by George A. Palmer – available via [Evergreen](#)\*

A biography of Thomas R. Marshall, 28<sup>th</sup> Vice President. He was Woodrow Wilson's Vice President.

## Videos:



[The Life and Times of Aaron Burr, Hamilton's Nemesis](#) by The History Guy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8E23AbYtYFE>

Soldier, attorney, Vice President, Aaron Burr is often seen as a villain of early American history. But historians have revisited his legacy in the last twenty years. The life and forgotten history of Aaron Burr deserves to be remembered.



[Mr. Vice President](#) on Kanopy\* -

<https://www.kanopy.com/en/greenwoodlibrary/video/139961>

Explore the most important and often forgotten men in the White House who were a breath away from becoming President.

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