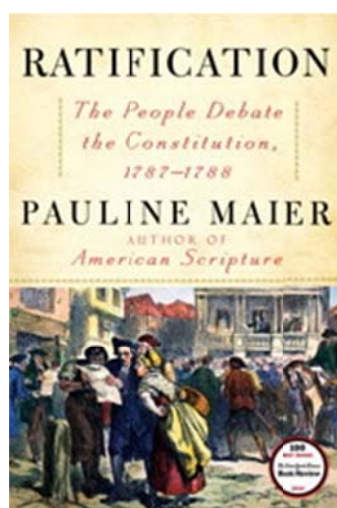
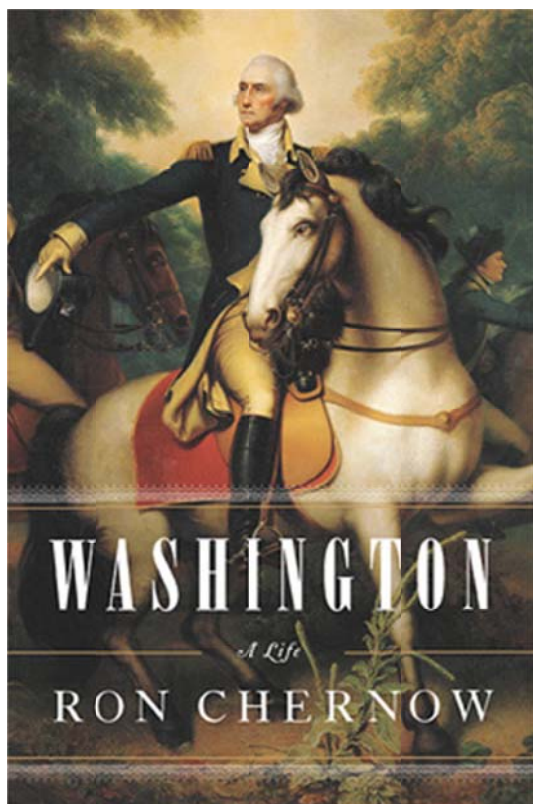


# The Patriot



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Above: Left: *Cover for Ron Chernow's Washington: A Life (Penguin Press); Right: Cover for Pauline Maier's Ratification: The People Debate the Constitution, 1787-1788 (Simon & Schuster). Both authors have received the 2011 Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award.*

## First Time Ever ~ Two Book Awards Announced in the Same Year

It's a tie. For the first time ever in its history, the Book Awards Committee of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York has announced that two books will receive the Fraunces Tavern® Museum Book Award. The 2011 Awards will be presented to Pauline Maier for *Ratification: The People Debate the Constitution, 1787-1788* (Simon & Schuster) and to Ron Chernow for *Washington: A Life* (Penguin Press).

“The Committee was equally divided and equally passionate about the two books,” said Committee member James Grayshaw, “The only solution was to bestow the award to both of them. They both represent ground-breaking scholarship and writing.”

The New York Times has hailed both award winners: Richard Brookhiser describes *Ratification* as “a delightful and engrossing book.” Janet Maslin wrote that *Washington* is “vast and tenaciously researched” and helps to “dust off Washington’s image, penetrate the opacity that can most generously be called ‘sphinxlike’ and replace readers’ ‘frosty respect’ for Washington with “visceral appreciation.”

The Book Awards Committee has also announced an Honorable Mention will be awarded to Barnet Schecter for [\*George Washington's America: A Biography Through His Maps\*](#) (Walker Publishing).

All three books will be recognized at the Sons’ Stated Meeting and dinner April 25, where Pauline Maier will also be the evening’s speaker.

## Join Us for Family Night!

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York invites its members, Fraunces Tavern® Museum members, their family and friends to attend our Family Night Stated Meeting to be held on **Monday, April 25, 2011**, at Fraunces Tavern®, 54 Pearl Street, New York, New York. This dinner meeting commemorates the 236th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Reservations are required.

The evening will begin with a reception in the Flag Gallery in Fraunces Tavern Museum at 6:30 PM. Dinner will follow in Fraunces Tavern Restaurant at 7:30 PM. The price is \$75.00 per person and **reservations must be paid in advance**. To make your reservation, please print out and return the form below. Or for assistance contact the Administrator at the Sons office, by email to: [2Administrator@sonsoftherevolution.org](mailto:2Administrator@sonsoftherevolution.org) or by phone at 212-425-1776, ext. 10 Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 5:00. **Paid reservations must be received by April 18th. (Please note the Sons office is closed on Fridays.)**

The 2011 Fraunces Tavern® Museum Book Awards for 2011 will be presented at the dinner—two awards this year for the first time. One will be presented to Pauline Maier for *Ratification: The People Debate the Constitution, 1787-1788* (Simon & Schuster) and the other to Ron Chernow for *Washington: A Life* (Penguin Press). An Honorable Mention will

also be awarded to Barnet Schecter for *George Washington's America: A Biography Through His Maps* (Walker Publishing).

**FAMILY NIGHT STATED MEETING RESERVATION FORM**

**Return to Sons of the Revolution, 54 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10004 by April 18, 2011 or contact [2administrator@sonsoftherevolution.org](mailto:2administrator@sonsoftherevolution.org) .**

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Above: Curator Suzanne Prabucki in Fraunces Tavern Museum's Mesick Gallery.  
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## A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome

### ~ From the Curator's Desk ~

After two and a half years at Fraunces Tavern Museum, I am leaving my position as Curator as of March 25th, 2011. Circumstances are taking me to Washington, D.C. where I plan to remain in the museum profession.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working here and with so many of you. From installing the *Magna Carta* and *Revolution and the City* exhibitions to getting to know our wonderful museum members and supporters, I will truly miss working here. Thank you to the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York for giving me the opportunity to work in such a special place of history.

Please join me in welcoming our new Curator, Jessica Baldwin. Jessica comes to us from the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum where she coordinated the volunteer and docent program and assisted the registrar with museum collection projects. She holds an MA in Public History from SUNY Albany and a BA in History from Marist College. Jessica's start date is April 4th, 2011.

## April Lecture

### Was America Founded As a Christian Nation?

**Presented by John Fea†**  
**Thursday April 14th at 6:30pm**

Tackling a rather controversial and politically-charged issue in present day American culture, John Fea offers an even-handed primer on whether America was founded to be a Christian nation or a secular state. By approaching this issue from a historical perspective, we are able to see past the emotional rhetoric of today to the primary sources & recorded facts which establishes the true foundation of our history.

**All lectures take place in Fraunces Tavern Museum's Flag Gallery. \$10 admission at the door only-first come, first served. (Museum members are admitted free of charge. [Please join today!](#)). Light refreshments will be available before and after the lecture.**

**†Books will be available for purchase -discounts apply for Museum members.**

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