

# Money Matters

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## Alexander Hamilton, American

By Richard Brookhiser

Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group, 2000

Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the Treasury at age thirty-two, is the least understood of the Founding Fathers. The Caribbean-born Hamilton was the illegitimate son of an irresponsible merchant whose talents for administration and economics developed the American financial system that fostered the rise of capitalism in this country. Hamilton's biography, major writings, and an explanation of his too short life are presented in this concise book.

## Alexander Hamilton, Writings

By Alexander Hamilton, Joanne B. Freeman (Editor)

Library of America, 2001

The writings of Hamilton, military aide to George Washington, advocate of the Constitution, and leader of the Federalist Party, are in this accessible collection presented by editor Joanne B. Freeman, associate professor of History at Yale. Among the 170 selections written between 1769 to 1804 are courtship letters, 51 of Hamilton's writings from The Federalist, his confession of adultery in the "Reynolds Pamphlet," fears concerning the French Revolution, and conflicting accounts of his deadly duel with Aaron Burr. Alexander Hamilton: Writings helps the reader better understand the many facets of a very important and complex man.

## Duel: Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, and the Future of America

By Thomas Fleming

Basic Books, 2000

Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton were ambitious military men who dreamed of ridding Florida and the Mississippi Valley of the Spanish. Although both shared this common background and desire, they also hated each other—as well as Thomas Jefferson. Fleming's Duel explains the political scene of late 18th century and early 19th century that led to the death of Hamilton's son by a Jefferson supporter on the same Weehawken, NJ site that Hamilton would die in a duel with Burr three years later. The book does a very good job of making the period's divisive politics and tragic events come to life.

## Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins

By Walter H. Breen

Doubleday & Company, Incorporated, 1988

Breen is a leading American coin historian who traces the history of American coins from Bermuda brass shillings of 1616 through the current period. The book presents material previously found scattered among specialty books on colonial coinage in a single source with over 4,000 illustrations. Breen's encyclopedia is an interesting read for collectors as well as those with a general interest in American coins.

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## Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money

By Chester L. Krause, Robert F. Lemke, Joel T. Edler (Editor)  
Krause Publications, 2001

This guide presents information on U.S. printed currency for 187 years, including Treasury notes and Civil War substitutions. Catalog information is listed by currency denomination making it easy to find what you need among the 5,500 items and 14,000 denominations. Also included is a fifteen page guide that makes authentication of rare currency much easier.

## Today's Essentials of Government and Not-for-Profit Accounting

By Susan Work Martin, Ellen N. West  
South-Western, 2002

This text introduces the reader to accounting practices for non-profit entities and is based upon the latest announcements of various accounting and audit boards. In this easy to read, accessible book written by an accountant (Martin) and a money manager (West), material is divided by concepts for easy reference.

## Econometric Models and Economic Forecasts

By Robert S. Pindyck, Daniel L. Rubinfeld  
The McGraw-Hill Companies, 1997

Pindyck and Rubinfeld's Econometric Models and Economic Forecasts is a well-known text for beginning students of Econometrics that combines coverage with a range of applications. Topics covered include econometric models, forecasting, and quantitative analysis. Computer software is available with the book for practice of the concepts contained within.

## Essential Managers: Managing Budgets

By Stephen Brookson  
DK Publishing, Inc., 2000

The budgeting process is something you may not like to think about. However, in government, budgets are not something a manager can hide from. Brookson's Essential Managers: Managing Budgets explains how the budgeting cycle works, how to prepare your own budgeting system and forecast, and how to make adjustments to the budget. This slim, easy to read guide fits easily into a briefcase.

## Economics in One Lesson

By Henry Hazlitt  
Fox & Wilkes, 1996

Hazlitt's classic Economics in One Lesson examines economic misconceptions and the long-range effects of such ideas. The book, which was published over 50 years ago, and has sold over a million volumes, includes a new forward by Steve Forbes and updated statistics. A number of issues are surveyed to better understand the cost of poor economic planning.

## Excel 2002 Formulas

By John Walkenbach  
Wiley, John & Sons, Incorporated, 2001

Excel 2002 has been updated and expanded to include two chapters on financial formulas. The book includes real-world examples of timesavers and tips on formatting, charts, and financial formulas such as depreciation and discounting. Excel 2002 Formulas includes a CD ROM of additional tools for Excel that appeal to both the novice and expert users. This book is rare in that it takes complex material and explains it in a logical, readable way.

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# MarkeTips Duct Tape Challenge

## The Winners Tell Their Stories

In the November/December 2002 “New Frontiers in Technology” issue of *MarkeTips* we ran the “Apollo 13 Duct Tape Challenge.” The contest recounted the use of duct tape by the Apollo 13 crew to jury rig a system for removing dangerous levels of carbon dioxide from their spacecraft. For the contest, *MarkeTips* invited Federal employees to send in their accounts of how duct tape saved the day or avoided an inconvenience.

Many thanks to our winners, Sarah Palmer and C.D. Phillips, for two candid tales about their duct tape savvy, recounted here for all to enjoy. They will both receive a complimentary issue of *MarkeTips*, suitable for framing, showing off, making conversation at the water cooler, or for suggesting that your peers only address you as “the Laureate.”

*Congratulations to both our winners!*

### Girl Scout Encampment

“On a cold winter night in March, our Girl Scout Troop arrived at Whispering Oaks Campground in Julian, California. As one of the girl’s mom, it was my first “real” encampment with the troop.

Saturday dawned with excitement and curiosity. After breakfast, THE SOLE OF MY RIGHT HIKING BOOT ALMOST CAME TOTALLY OFF. And, of course, this being my first encampment, I didn’t have a second pair of shoes to wear. Panic ensued. What was to be done??? The troop leader and I headed to the kitchen area, asked for assistance or suggestions. Behold, someone said they had DUCT TAPE!!!

So we duct taped the sole of my shoe to my hiking boot and continued on with the weekend. The duct tape lasted throughout the hiking from activity to activity and from meal to meal. It even got me home and beyond before it wore out.”

Sarah C. Palmer  
Budget Analyst  
Human Resources Service Center - Southwest



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## An Aft Wind

“I live in the Hampton Roads, VA area and love sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. My biggest obstacle to overcome is the lack of a sailboat; consequently, I jump at every opportunity I can to volunteer as “crew” on a boat during weekend races out of Hampton Yacht Club, or other yacht clubs and marinas in the area.

One sunny weekend day last summer I got a call from a friend, asking if I'd help with a race on a 36-foot sailboat. I eagerly agreed, hoping that perhaps if I demonstrated competence and seamanship, I could possibly earn frequent invitations to return for additional races. Once on-board, I tried as hard as I could, although my responsibilities were limited primarily to shifting from port to starboard, depending on which tack we were taking (most of the regular crew with assigned positions were there.)



Since this boat was new to me, I wasn't too familiar with some of its intricacies. About 30 minutes into the race, while sliding under the boom from starboard to port during a tacking maneuver, I managed to locate one of those little intricacies with the seat of my pants. Specifically, I hooked a cleat on the deck with my shorts and ripped them from the very lowest part of the crotch all the way up the back, to the waistband. All I could think was how poor a first impression I made on the skipper of the boat. I tried to laugh it off, and the rest of the crew was gracious enough to play it down, but I still felt pretty awkward trying to do my job with my butt hanging out.

During a lull in the action, I made my way below deck and found a roll of duct tape and a bos'ns knife. On the inside of the shorts, I taped the two ripped sides together, then reinforced the repair with overlapping strips of tape. On the outside, a single vertical strip from the crotch to the waistband completed the repair. Although somewhat uncomfortable and not very fashionable, the tape-repaired shorts held up very well for the rest of the day, surviving the salt water and action throughout the rest of the race. Despite (or perhaps, in spite of) my self-deprecating jokes (that I was glad I wore clean underwear that day) and the good job that the duct tape did in holding together my dignity and self-respect, that particular skipper never extended the invitation for me to 'crew' for him for the rest of the sailing season.”

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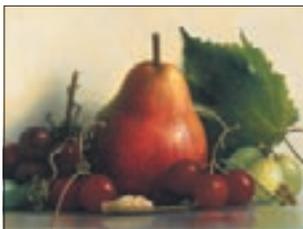


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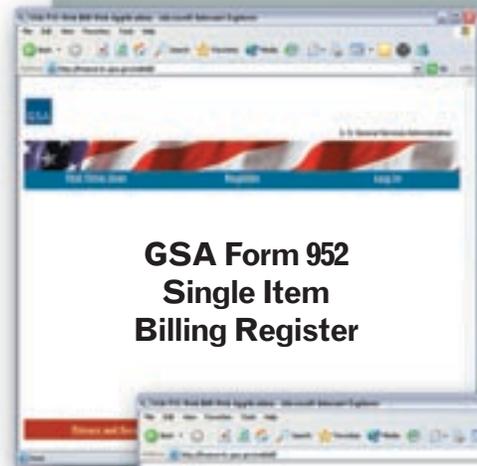
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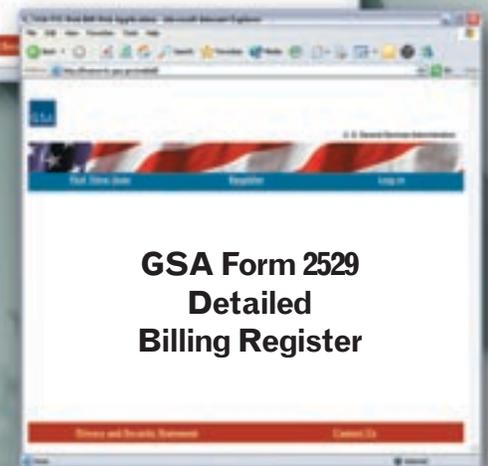
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