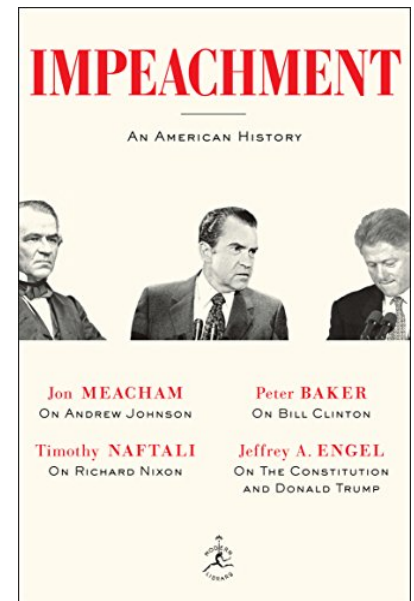


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Why This Book Matters:

Impeachment tells the history of impeachment and how it, along with executive privilege, has been refined over the years.

The Big Takeaways:

1. **The Framers of the Constitution decided that an executive branch would benefit the American people.**
 1. If Despite their recent removal from a monarchical society, the Founding Fathers believed that there needed to be more of a power structure in American that had leadership while keeping the American people's best interest at heart.
2. **The idea of impeachment wasn't explained in detail to be a placeholder in case the nation elected a lousy**

president.

1. The need for a leader was evident, but the Framers did not want this leader to be able to take control of the nation.
3. **The grounds for impeachment became more defined over time.**
 1. In 1868, it was made clear that a president can only be impeached for good reason, not just because people find him annoying.
4. **During the Nixon administration, Congress had to make the impeachment process even more particular.**
 1. It was also during this time that the extent of executive privilege must be changed.
5. **While Clinton was president, the outline of a changing morality had to be defined.**
 1. During this time, it was evident that what was once considered outlandish had become a lot less heinous, and the rules for impeachment needed to reflect that.

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