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Anyone concerned with civil liberties should read this short and snappy report from the frontlines of this latest constitutional struggle. The United States Bill of Rights comprises the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution. Proposed following the often bitter 1787-88 debate over the ratification of the Constitution, and written to address the objections raised by Anti-Federalists, the Bill of Rights amendments add to the Constitution specific guarantees of personal freedoms and rights, clear limitations on the government's power in judicial and other proceedings, and explicit declarations that all powers not The Bill of Rights was strongly influenced by the Virginia Declaration of Rights, written by George Mason. Other precursors include English documents such as the Magna Carta, the Petition of Right, the English Bill of Rights, and the Massachusetts Body of Liberties. One of the many points of contention between Federalists, who advocated a strong national government, and Anti-Federalists, who wanted power to remain with state and local governments, was the Constitution's lack of a bill of rights that would place specific limits on government power. Federalists argued that the Constitution did not have a better resource on our Bill of Rights and constitutional freedoms than Nat Hentoff. With this book, Hentoff sounds the alarm over the steady erosion of our rights while effectively arguing that any hope for our future rests in our ability as citizens to take a stand and fight back. — John W. Whitehead, Founder and President, The Rutherford Institute.

This book is an inspiring call to twenty-first century patriots to reinvigorate the libertarian and egalitarian ideals of America's founders, and to resist the violations of those ideals that have run rampant in the 'Wa... The Federalists opposed including a bill of rights on the ground that it was unnecessary. The Anti-Federalists, who were afraid of a strong centralized government, refused to support the Constitution without one. In the end, popular sentiment was decisive. Recently freed from the despotic English monarchy, the American people wanted strong guarantees that the new government would not trample upon their newly won freedoms of speech, press and religion, nor upon their right to be free from warrantless searches and seizures. It would take years of struggle and a bloody civil war before additional amendments to the Constitution were passed, giving slaves and their descendants the full rights of citizenship - at least on paper: The 13th Amendment abolished slavery