

The Heartbreak of Aaron Burr, 9780307743268, 176 pages, Anchor, 2012, 2012, H. W.

Brands

Through Burr's extensive, witty correspondence with his daughter Theodosia, Brands traces the arc of a scandalous political career and the early years of American politics. The Heartbreak of Aaron Burr not only dramatizes through their words his eventful life, it also tells a touching story of a father's love for his exceptional daughter, which endured through public shame, bankruptcy, and exile, and outlasted even Theodosia's tragic disappearance at sea. A Paperback Original. One of the nation's most respected historians and a two-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, H.W. Brands has the rare gift of investing historical narrative with unmatched verve and insight. The Heartbreak of Aaron Burr sheds light on the life of the third vice president of the United States, a man who is perhaps best known for killing Alexander Hamilton in a duel. People Who Liked The Heartbreak of Aaron Burr Also Liked These Free Titles: Life Portrait of Abraham Lincoln by David Long. Life Portrait of Ronald Reagan by Lou Cannon. Cokie Roberts: Ladies of Liberty by Cokie Roberts. Revie Aaron Burr's great love begins amid the violence and confusion of the Revolutionary War. He is a colonel in the Continental Army; she, the widow of a British officer killed in the West Indies. He encounters Theodosia while protecting her home from American raiders who impute the Toryism of the deceased to his widow. Some reviews criticize the brevity and/or focus of this book. However, the title is The Heartbreak of Aaron Burr and that is the focus...his personal life, his family, his heartbreak. This is not meant to be a political biography. It mentions and notes his impact on many things, but then blows by them to concentrate on the relationship that finally broke his heart.