



## American Epic: Reading the U.S. Constitution (Paperback)

By Garrett Epps

Oxford University Press Inc, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. In 1987, E.L. Doctorow celebrated the Constitution's bicentennial by reading it. It is five thousand words long but reads like fifty thousand, he said. Distinguished legal scholar Garrett Epps—himself an award-winning novelist—disagrees. It's about 7,500 words. And Doctorow missed a good deal of high rhetoric, many literary tropes, and even a trace of, if not wit, at least irony, he writes. Americans may venerate the Constitution, but all too seldom is it read. In *American Epic*, Epps takes us through a complete reading of the Constitution—even the boring parts—to achieve an appreciation of its power and a holistic understanding of what it says. In this book he seeks not to provide a definitive interpretation, but to listen to the language and ponder its meaning. He draws on four modes of reading: scriptural, legal, lyric, and epic. The Constitution's first three words, for example, sound spiritual—but Epps finds them to be more aspirational than prayer-like. Prayers are addressed to someone—either an earthly king or a divine lord, and great care is taken to name the addressee. This does the reverse. The...



[DOWNLOAD PDF](#)



[READ ONLINE](#)

[ 7.16 MB ]

### Reviews

*This is the best pdf I have got through until now. It is loaded with wisdom and knowledge I discovered this publication from my dad and I encouraged this book to find out.*

-- Aryanna Sauer

*The publication is great and fantastic. I am quite late in start reading this one, but better than never. I discovered this pdf from my dad and I suggested this ebook to discover.*

-- Linnie Kling

## Other Kindle Books

---



### **e\*Study Book CD : to accompany Physics for Scientists and Engineers 4e**

Worth Publishers Inc., 2000. Audio Book (CD). Condition: New. Book Description: Worth Publishers, Incorporated, 2000. CD-ROM. Condition: New. 4th Edition. CD only. Each chapter contains a description of key ideas, potential pitfalls, true-false questions that test essential definitions and relations, questions and...

---



### **Clinical Companion to Medical-Surgical Nursing, 7e (Clinical Companion (Elsevier))**

Mosby, 2007. Paperback. Condition: New. book.

---



### **IELTS Success Formula: General: The Complete Practical Guide to a Top IELTS Score**

One Sided Paper, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. book.

---



### **Standard Catalog of World Coins, 2001 to Date (Standard Catalog of World Coins 2001-date)**

Krause Publications, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. book.

---



### **Michael Jackson's Beer Companion: The World's Great Beer Styles, Gastronomy, and Traditions**

Running Pr, 1993. Hardcover. Condition: New. book.

---



### **Michael Jackson's Beer Companion - Stouts, Lagers, Wheat Beers, Fruit Beers, Ales, Porters - Second Revised**

Elan Press, 1997. Hardcover. Condition: New. book.