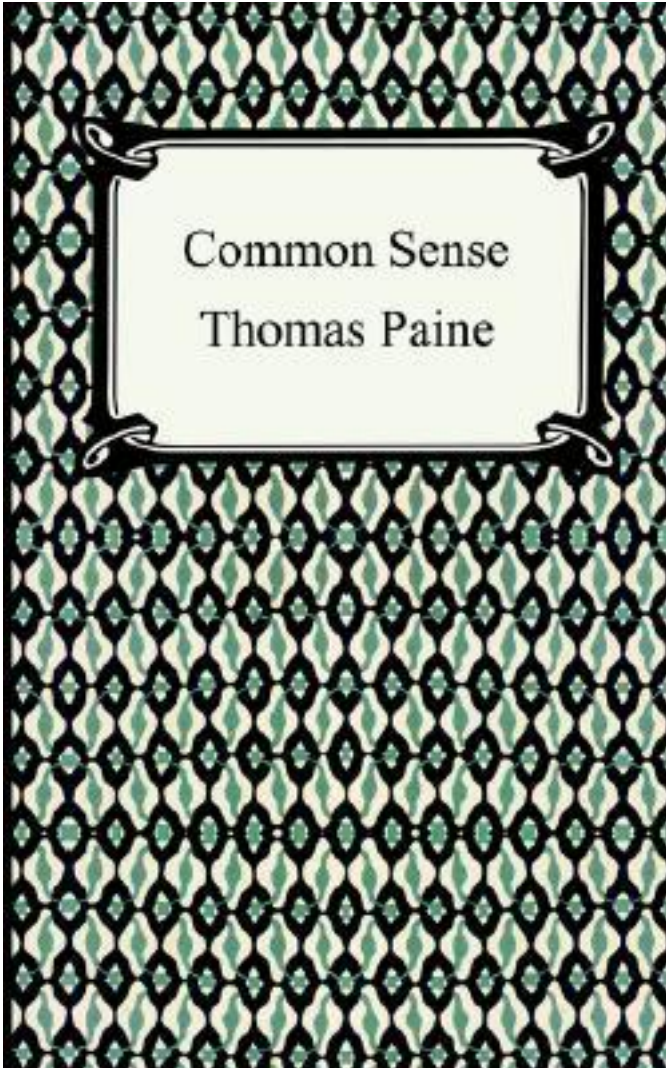

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Common Sense



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Description

Written prior to the revolutionary war, "Common Sense" was a widely distributed pamphlet that argued for the complete independence of America from Britain. Its importance in terms of American history cannot be understated. The influence that this publication had on the American sentiment towards fighting the revolutionary war may have been more significant than any other single factor. Read for yourself the arguments that were made then for American independence as the American colonies were on the brink of war.

Insightful reviews

Andy: Having read this and Ayn Rand, am I a Tea Party candidate? Is this even a Tea Party book? Paine lays it out why Common Sense dictates we do away with rule by the King and go indie. Big news for the time and it did not endear himself to many. Short and to the point. Difficult to read in old-timey English but the point is clear. The whole notion of small government though... good idea but with so many people and so many things to look after, what is small? Not the Grover Norquist drown it in the bathtub idea, I think but, then again, I think government needs to be big enough and smart enough to govern big business which it must or we will fall prey to monopolistic practices which are not optimal. Why do people always seem to forget that Adam Smith wrote about governing and checks on business, not just the free market? That's for another time, I suppose.

Lisa: First, I enjoyed listening to this Audible version of Common Sense. There are no frills here; the narrator simply reads the text. The advantage to this approach is to be thrown into the deep end of Paine's arguments. But this approach was successful for me because I'm comfortable with the language Paine uses. It may not be successful for everyone and it does take some concentration.

I'm not giving Paine five stars because I agree with all his ideas. I am giving Paine five stars because of the elegance of his arguments, which were so finely crafted to his audience. It is a must-listen for anyone who wants to understand the thought processes and writings of other leaders of the Revolution and continuing on to present-day.

And, like any historical text that is used to buttress arguments, it is imperative to read it yourself in the most accurate translation possible, if applicable (see also The Bible, The Koran, the U.S. Constitution, etc.). Otherwise you are always bound to the interpretations of others instead of being informed by them.

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