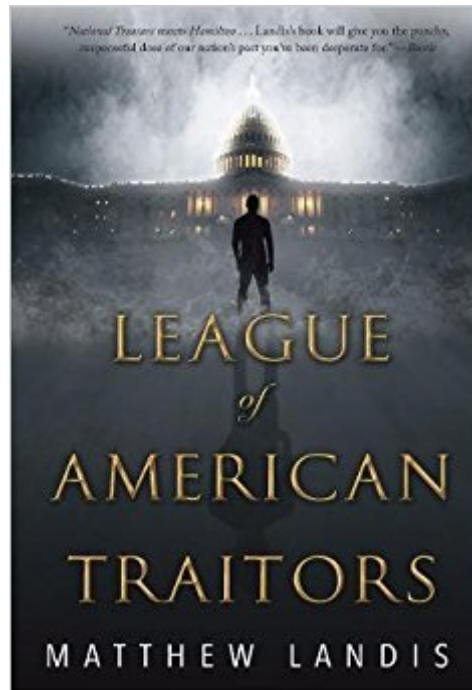




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Synopsis

Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it. . . . When seventeen year-old Jasper is approached at the funeral of his deadbeat father by a man claiming to be an associate of his deceased parents, he's thrust into a world of secrets tied to America's history—and he's right at the heart of it. First, Jasper finds out he is the sole surviving descendant of Benedict Arnold, the most notorious traitor in American history. Then he learns that his father's death was no accident. Jasper is at the center of a war that has been going on for centuries, in which the descendants of the heroes and traitors of the American Revolution still duel to the death for the sake of their honor. His only hope to escape his dangerous fate on his eighteenth birthday? Take up the research his father was pursuing at the time of his death, to clear Arnold's name. Whisked off to a boarding school populated by other descendants of notorious American traitors, it's a race to discover the truth. But if Jasper doesn't find a way to uncover the evidence his father was hunting for, he may end up paying for the sins of his forefathers with his own life. Like a mash-up of *National Treasure* and *Hamilton*, Matthew Landis's debut spins the what-ifs of American history into a heart-pounding thriller steeped in conspiracy, clue hunting, and danger.

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Customer Reviews

"Rightly being billed as *National Treasure* meets *Hamilton*, this book takes a controversial historical figure from Revolutionary America and gives it an undeniably modern sensibility. Whether *Hamilton* was your first foray into American history or you've always been interested in learning more about

our founding fathers, Landis's book will give you the punchy, suspenseful dose of our nation's past you've been desperate for." --Bustle "Matthew Landis deftly weaves secret societies, ancient conspiracies, and American history into an unputdownable modern-day thriller, perfect for fans of Dan Brown. With a freshly-imagined Revolutionary backdrop and richly drawn characters, Landis's debut is the real deal." --Lynne Matson, author of the bestselling Nil trilogy "League of American Traitors is criminally clever and wickedly funny. This is a thriller with historical depth and modern appeal. Landis is an author to watch out for. " --Tiffany Schmidt, author of the Once Upon a Crime Family series "League of American Traitors packs adventure, humor, and a conspiracy-laced dose of American history into a three-shot duel." --Kristen Lippert-Martin, ITW Finalist for Tabula Rasa "Witty banter, a clever premise, and the constant threat of danger keep the pages turning . . . Characters grapple with the issues of honor and responsibility. Others are forced to deal with the deaths of friends and family and the guilt of taking a life." --Kirkus Reviews

Matthew Landis is a middle school history teacher who makes the past come alive in exhilarating detail every day in his classroom. He lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, with his wife and children. League of American Traitors is his first novel.

I wanted to love this book and just no... The concept is awesome, I love National Treasure and Hamilton and it's blurred as a mix of both and it just didn't deliver. Jasper was an okay main character but he's the only one with close to a personality. The guns got way more time than any of the side characters and it felt really unnecessary. Also there was a lot of violence that just didn't make a lot of sense. You had 2 girls Lacy the girly girly all the guys love kinda I guess, then Nora the cool mean girl. She put a cigarette out on a guys next and tells him she wanted it to her and nobody is like wow she's horrible? Then Sheldon and Tucker the 2 guy side characters, ones bigger and wears sweats all the time and the other is super smart and obsessed with things from the 80s but never explains why. Also I hate to say this but secret organizations from the revolutionary war aren't going to let 17 year old kids argue their ends for them. I tried to get into it but by the last 70 pages I quit reading anything but the dialogue just to finish the book because it wasn't enjoyable. Jasper's constant thinking about nonsense didn't really add to the storyline and the time frame some times confused me. You'd be reading about one person and all of a sudden your doing something else with no clear direction, the chapters weren't separated well enough. I tried, I did, I love historical story's but this just wasn't good for me. It got 2 stars for the concept.

What an exciting historical fiction novel! I remember reading that League of American Traitors was a mash up between National Treasure and Hamilton, and it was just that! I couldn't have been happier, as I am an avid National Treasure fan! I like history more and more as I'm experiencing it through these types of novels specifically. This was the first historical fiction novel that I read that wasn't WWII based, so I was a little nervous to give it a shot, but I am so glad I did. I loved Jasper! His resilience and determination reminded me so much of myself! And a descendant of Benedict Arnold?! Yes please! I need all of the notorious historical figures discussed in YA fiction the way this one was! I loved how the story opens in a funeral. I think it's dark but real and when it's real, it grasps on to you. The first two chapters were absolutely filled with action and I knew this book was going to be good. As the chapters continued and the story and characters developed, my assumptions were confirmed. Landis is great story teller and knows exactly how to write about history for YA! I also read that Landis was a history teacher and so I knew that the facts would be just that, facts. I felt that because of his expertise in his field, he was able to really open up the world of U.S. history in a very unique and entertaining way. There are not a lot of authors like that, in my opinion. Sometimes children are looked down upon because of their parents' actions, I really enjoyed how Landis develops his characters with their pasts held over their heads. Nora was definitely a favorite of mine, but I do wish I would have heard a little more about her. I felt that Jasper was well thought out and handled situations, exactly how you'd expect a 17 year old descendant of Benedict Arnold to handle things, struggling to maintain honor, maturity, and responsibility. With such a clever premise, and so much action, it was pretty difficult to not turn the page. I thoroughly enjoyed the adventures and the clues given throughout the story that ultimately lead to a very satisfying ending.

This is a great book for high school students, especially boys! Sometimes it can be hard to find books for this age group. It was fast paced, action packed, and one wild story. There were traitors, duels, mysteries, chases, gunfights, and secret societies. It was one of those books that I looked forward to reading because I really wanted to know what was going to happen. It was not predictable. Although the main character was well developed, I would have liked it if the author put a bit more into the minor characters. They had quirks and personalities, but their history was missing, so the reader did not seem to get to know the whole characters. I can see how this would have slowed the pace, though. Also, since the book was really plot driven, I could easily picture the action, but sometimes when the action slowed it wasn't as easy to picture the settings. I expected more of a historical fiction book from reading the summary and knowing that the author was a

history teacher. I would not consider this historical fiction. It was more of an action story with some history in it. I actually would have loved more history about the American traitors and heroes, but I can, again, see how that would have slowed the pace. I really liked the themes and some of the thought provoking ideas in this book. I think they are great, especially for teens. For example, one of the questions the main character had was if it was better to kill someone or be killed. My favorite theme was that people are not all good or all bad. I liked the question of why we remember traitors just for the bad things they did. What about the good things? I recommend this book for any age, but especially for teens. This was Matthew Landis' debut novel and he has more coming. I am looking forward to see what else he creates! I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Wow! This book is a roller coaster ride from page one straight through to the end. Imagine discovering you are the last surviving heir of Benedict Arnold, and thus an automatic inductee to the League of American Traitors. Our hero Jasper discovers exactly that, along with another unhappy fact: the descendants of the founding fathers are out to get him, at all costs. They want the research Jasper's father was working on at the time of his sudden death, and will stop at nothing to get it back. This is a thrilling read, interspersed with wonderful bits of American History. Landis knows how to tell a story and keep us turning the page, wondering what will happen next and who's selling Jasper out. Loved this book so much!

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