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The Secret Founding of America

The Real Story of Freemasons, Puritans & the Battle
for the New World

Dan Brown touched on it in *The Lost Symbol* but now you can discover the true story of the founding of America, its historical ties to Freemasonry, and the battle for the New World.

The widely accepted story of the founding of America is that *The Mayflower* delivered the first settlers from Plymouth to the New World in 1620. Yet the Jamestown settlers had already become the first English-speaking outpost thirteen years earlier in 1607. *The Secret Founding of America* introduces two groups of founders - the Planting Fathers, who established the earliest settlements along essentially Christian lines, and the Founding Fathers, who unified the colonies with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution - and it argues that the new nation, conceived in liberty, was the Freemasons' first step towards a new world order.

Drawing on original findings and an in-depth understanding of the political and philosophical realities of the time, Oxford-educated historian Nicholas Hagger charts the connections between Gosnold and Smith, Templars and Jacobites, and secret societies and libertarian ideals. He also explains how the influence of German Illuminati worked on the constructors of the new republic, and shows the hand of Freemasonry at work at every turning-point in America's history, from the Civil War to today's global struggles for democracy. This book shows two radically opposed world-views that shaped the New World: the rural ethic of Elizabethan England and the rationalist ideals of Freemasonry. It appeals to anyone interested in American history and alternative history, and offers a new and extraordinary perspective on the most powerful nation on earth.

About the author:

Nicholas Hagger has written more than forty books, including the widely-discussed books in his American trilogy, which also includes *The Secret American Dream*. He is a polymath able to draw on several disciplines – history, literature, philosophy and the sciences, mysticism, comparative religion, international politics and statecraft, and world culture. Nicholas has appeared on Sky News, and has had his many works featured in both national and international press. The University of Essex has recently added his life's work to their special collections, and he is the 2016 recipient of the Gusi Peace Prize for Literature, which recognises organisations and individuals who have contributed to global peace and progress. He lives in Essex.

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