



Sample Interview Questions for John Boykin
Author of the novel
The Constitution Has Expired

THIS BOOK

How did you get the idea to raise the provocative question of rewriting the US Constitution today?

The Constitution is an unusual topic for a novel. How did you turn that into an exciting story?

Is this book just for people with certain political views?

Is this escapism from the news?

Where can readers learn more about *The Constitution Has Expired*?

THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution could never really expire, could it? Is your premise plausible?

A lot of people say the Constitution is genius, even divinely inspired. What do you say?

Ours is the oldest constitution in the world. Does that mean it's the best?

How has your view of the Constitution evolved over the course of your work?

What's wrong with the way the Constitution set up the federal government?

Are you saying we should rewrite the Constitution?

We can just amend the Constitution to fix any problems, can't we?

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

The novel is very critical of both political parties. Don't you believe in the two-party system?

Some say we are a republic, not a democracy—even that the Founders hated democracy. Is that true?

Majority rules, doesn't it?

How has your research into the Constitution affected your view of government dysfunction?

We often say "every vote counts." You disagree. Why?

How well would you say the America people are represented in the federal government?

WRITING

I understand this novel is carefully researched. What kinds of research did you do?

You dedicate the novel "in honor of Philip Habib" [hah-BEEB]. Who was he? How is it in his honor?

You've mostly written non-fiction. Why switch to fiction now?

How is writing fiction different from writing non-fiction?

How long was it from your initial idea to finishing this book?



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