



WHAT IF THE US CONSTITUTION WAS MEANT TO EXPIRE?

John Boykin Explores the Consequences of Expired Constitution in New Political Thriller

“The idea is phenomenal, and the story is fascinating.”

—Ambassador Thomas J. Miller, former US ambassador to Greece

“This is a brilliant novel. I loved the intelligent work behind it all and the wry humor throughout.”

—Loretta Tofani, Pulitzer Prize-winning former reporter for The Washington Post

Fact: Thomas Jefferson said the U.S. Constitution [should expire](#) when the last Founder died.

Fact: George Washington expected the Constitution to last no more than [20 years](#).

What if they were right? What if it did expire? A new political thriller imagines what might happen if the United States had to hammer out a whole new Constitution today.

John Boykin wanted to write *The Constitution Has Expired* to see if he could think through the unthinkable. Something had been troubling him for decades. He had been taught in school that the American form of government was the best in the world. So why did hardly any other countries emulate it? And while the U.S. Constitution was proving nearly impossible to even amend, emerging countries were writing their own whole new constitutions from scratch.

You can do that? But if they could do it, could we? Would we? What if we had to?

This became the premise of *The Constitution Has Expired*. Though the book is fiction, Boykin researched it as carefully as his award-winning nonfiction.

“When I started research for this book,” explains John Boykin, “I expected that it would deepen my appreciation of the genius of the Constitution. It had the opposite effect. The more I learned, the more obvious it became that most of the dysfunction in the American government originates in the inadequacies of our woefully obsolete Constitution.”

Boykin’s fascinating novel turns on a discrepancy between the printed copies of the Constitution and the handwritten parchment that the Founders actually signed. If the original Constitution included an expiration date that only just now came to light, who could keep this factious country from imploding?

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About the Author

John Boykin's nonfiction book, [One Brief Miracle](#), told the true behind-closed-doors story of American diplomat Philip Habib's mission to stop the 1982 Israeli siege of Beirut. Former Secretary of State George Shultz wrote the foreword, and the book won the American Academy of Diplomacy book award under its hardcover title, *Cursed Is the Peacemaker*. He wrote his first novel, *The Constitution Has Expired*, to imagine what might happen if the very premise of America suddenly evaporated. To learn more, please visit ApplegateLLC.com.

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