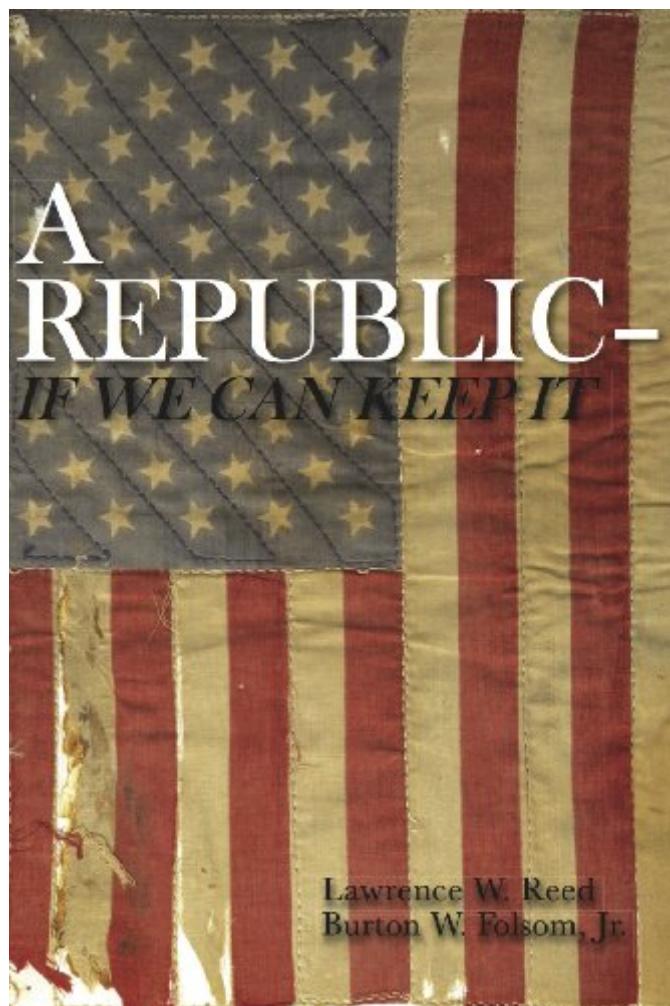


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# A Republicâ€“If We Can Keep It



## Synopsis

In this easy-to-read collection of essays, Foundation for Economic Education president Lawrence W. Reed and historian Burton W. Folsom, Jr. survey the economic history of the United States and the modern world. Along the way, they debunk commonly-held fallacies and present the stories of the individuals who changed history and expanded liberty for everyone. A Republicâ "If We Can Keep It is a must-have for history buffs and news junkies alike who are seeking a fuller picture of some of the most popularâ "and misunderstoodâ "stories in American history. Lawrence W. ("Larry") Reed became president of the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) in 2008. Prior to becoming FEE's president, he served for twenty years as president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, Michigan. He also taught economics full-time from 1977 to 1984 at Northwood University in Michigan and chaired its Department of Economics from 1982 to 1984. A champion for liberty, Reed has authored over 1,000 newspaper columns and articles, dozens of articles in magazines and journals in the United States and abroad. Burton Folsom, Jr. is a professor of history at Hillsdale College and author, with his wife Anita, of *FDR Goes to War*. The Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) is the premier source for understanding the humane values of a free society, and the economic, legal, and ethical principles that make it possible. At FEE, youâ "ll be connected with people worldwide who share those values and are inspired by the dynamic ideas of free association, free markets, and a diverse civil society. Explore freedomâ "s limitless possibilities through seminars, classroom resources, social media, and daily content at [FEE.org](http://FEE.org). Learn how your creativity and initiative can result in a prosperous and flourishing life for yourself and the global community. Whether you are just beginning to explore entrepreneurship, economics, or creating value for others or are mentoring others on their journeys, FEE has everything you need. FEE is supported by voluntary, tax-deductible contributions from individuals, foundations, and businesses who believe that it is vital to cultivate a deep appreciation in every generation for individual liberty, personal character, and a free economy. Supporters receive a subscription to FEE's flagship magazine, the *Freeman*, also available at [FEE.org](http://FEE.org).

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In the past I have enjoyed books written by both authors. This one is no exception. With solid examples the authors easily point out the pros of business versus the cons of big government. The book even touches on why the Austrian Economic Theory works and why Keynesian Theory doesn't. Overall, the book is a refreshing look at the interconnection between economics, entrepreneurship, and government.

Being a "newbie" to conservative economics, much of this material is new to me. Content is a collection of short essays and articles that I am sure have been published elsewhere. I believe that some of the material is found in The Robber Barons in more detail. One of the takeaways, among many, for me is that Grover Cleveland has grown in stature and wisdom as a President and I majored in American History at a university that, in retrospect, was at least a little bit conservative (at least the AmHist professors were not flaming radicals).

A number of essays by Lawrence Reed and Burt Folsom. I especially liked the last chapter. "Don't Expect Much From Politics".

This book should be required reading for every American who loves this country!

I love this book! It's a conglomeration of historical truths, put together in an easy-to-read, engaging

book. Each chapter can stand alone, but the book is one you'll want to read cover-to-cover. Another triumph by Reed and Folsom.

Excellent read with the mini-stories. Timely for the political season.

It's info every American needs to appreciate what we have as our form of government. Otherwise we will loose our republic.

Get ready for an education. In my opinion this is a must read for all liberty lovers out there! This book covers history and economics and both are largley misunderstood by most people today. For example, it reveals the true costs of the Civil War and the mistakes Lincoln made promoting unconstitutional internal improvements like railroads, canals and roads. The book takes on the differences of the principles of charity and government redistribution of wealth. After reading the book, one will understand the greatness of President Cleveland and how he resisted power and enforced the proper role of government. Inflation, free markets, fiat money, property rights and so many more subjects are covered in an easy-to-understand way of reading. I don't think anyone who will try to refute this book will be able to do so without resorting to ad hominem. The authors take economics and historical approaches to the topic of our Founders' political philosophy, convincingly making a central case that the government is to be a protector of liberty instead of the unrestrained agent of coercion. At a crucial time in our country's history, this book should be read by every American.

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