



The Essential Jefferson (Paperback)

By Thomas Jefferson

Dover Publications Inc., United States, 2008. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. An idealist with unshakable faith in his fellow citizens, Thomas Jefferson viewed the will of the people as the moral foundation of government. This trust in common sense and reason is prominent among Jefferson's contributions to young America and its growing traditions. In this collection of his writings, the founding father articulates his thoughts on issues of moral and political philosophy -- including the basis, aim, and structure of government -- as well as a wider range of subjects, from economics and religion to intellectual freedom, education, secession, and slavery. Jefferson frequently voices his firm belief in scientific advances as the means to popular enlightenment and social progress. His curiosity was insatiable, notes editor and distinguished educator John Dewey. He occupied practically every possible position of American public life, serving in each not only with distinction but with marked power of adaptability to the new and unexpected. Dewey selected these extracts from public and private letters and documents, an abundant trove that extends over 60 active years. Modern readers will find this volume a treasury of ever-relevant ideas and observations.



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