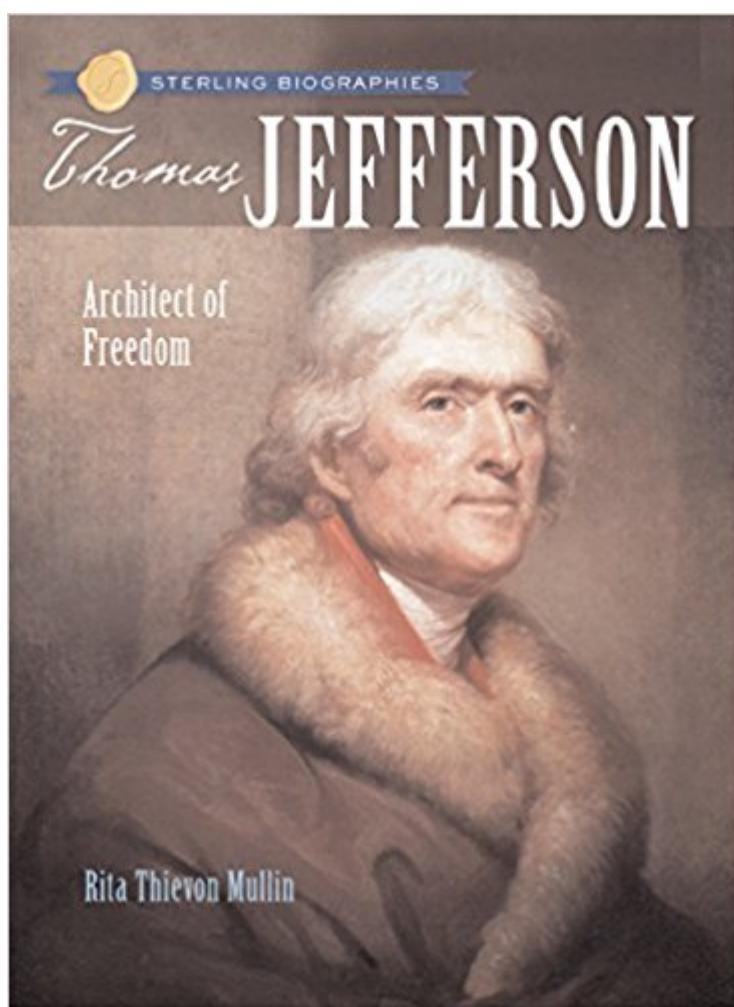


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Entries in the Sterling Biographies series offer approachable introductions to their subjects' lives in novel-size paperbacks filled with color images. Mullin's biography of Thomas Jefferson surveys the president's life and career, blending facts and anecdotes, all in lively language. Single-page focus boxes include controversial subjects, such as Jefferson's relationship with Sally Hemmings.

Unfortunately, the book is unsourced--there are not even notes for quotes. Sources are particularly missed when Mullin makes assertions about Jefferson's private thoughts and feelings: "Jefferson smiled feebly at his friends' stories, all the while feeling as though someone were cutting out his heart." Still, the appealing format and rich assortment of color illustrations, which include numerous

photos of Jefferson's inventions and documents, will draw students, who can use this as a good starting place before moving on to more reliably sourced titles. A glossary and a bibliography conclude. Gillian EngbergCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

my 11 year old loves it!

My moniker betrays my love for the subject matter! I've now given this book to four different children as part of TJ-themed gifts. (Hint: 4 is just too young to be interested in a TJ-themed gift, but maybe someday). Two nephews, a 10-year-old and 9-year-old are now both hooked on Virginia's renaissance man, thanks to Rita's terrific style. Her research assistants must be amazing, too. I highly recommend this book for either "intro" or "intermediate" Jefferson fans. The adults couldn't resist picking it up, and even the senior TJ fans learned new things!

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