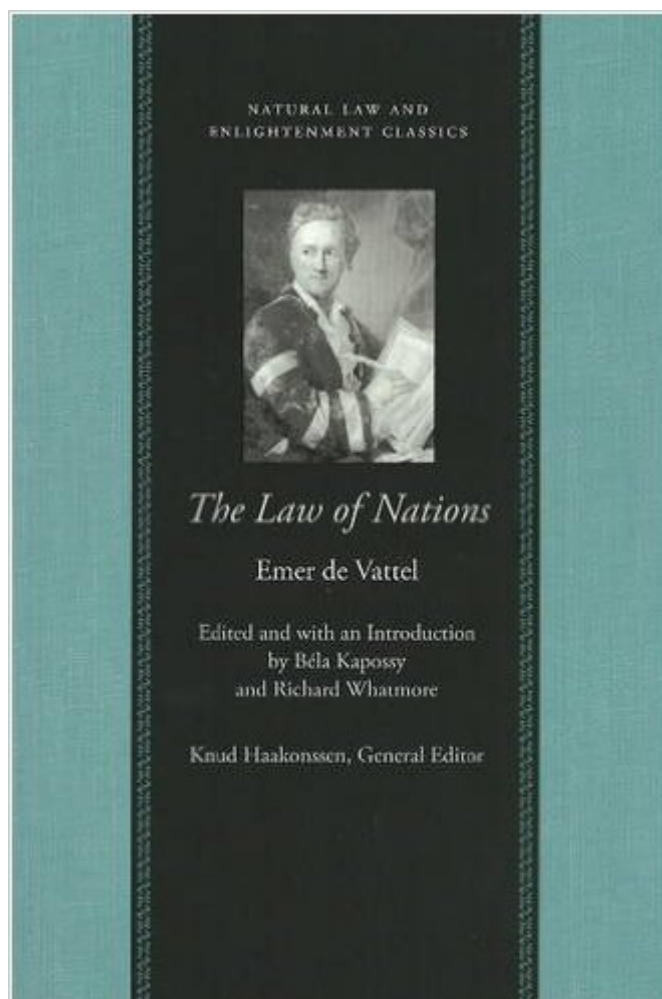


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If you want to understand the Founding of the US and how the Founding Fathers thought, you need to read this book. This book was studied by the Founding Fathers and was a primer for most of the creation of the our Constitutional Republican form of government. In particular, it is from Vattel that the Founders derived and understood the definition of "natural born citizen" as being one born to two citizen parents. This book was also used as one of the first law books in the US. Incredible wealth of knowledge and understanding is to be gained from reading this book; it is still pertinent today.

Although international law is a difficult concept in itself, Vattel makes its most important points clear and immediate. If you read no other work in this field, read this. Out of print for many years, the

classic commendably reappears. Well done.

If anyone wants to study international law then you must read this book. I study things of this nature as a hobby and this book put a lot of things in perspective. It discusses things like sovereignty, states, nations, constitutions, the privileges of the rulers. They do not teach you such things in grade school yet I feel as though these are things that need to be understood by all for it helps you learn just how the world works. Although it is a long book the print is fairly big so you can read it in a decent amount of time. Its easy enough to understand that a child could grasp, so do not be intimidated by this book it is a easy read even though it covers a complicated subject. It was a great addition to my book collection. I had a .pdf file of it on my computer but its nice to be able to hold in my hand.

Intense (challenging) read but very interesting and enlightening. If Vattel's "The Law of Nations" is one of the significant sources for the original writers of the U.S. Constitution, the US has moved a long, long way from that source... "Book I, Chapter 19". I assert most readers will be surprised; some will be disturbed; many will be angry; all will be somewhat bewildered... and shaken. Be prepared: the book is over 800 pages including the index.

An excellent work on explaining international, national and local laws, and a good read for anyone interested in international politics, or how the world works (both theory and application). I had no idea what a nation was beyond a vague idea, this book explains it, its relation to other states, how they all get along, (peace and embassies) or don't (war), and it's all in very clear language that anyone can read. The bonus essays are not necessary, but they do illustrate how Enlightenment thinking like this resulted in all of the limited "cabinet wars" of an earlier era.

I had previously read parts of the work online, as Law of Nations is a public domain book and easily found for free online. However I knew I wanted a physical copy to highlight and mark up with my thoughts while reading. This is an amazing book for any student of Natural Law, philosophy, politics and/or international law. It is also good for those who enjoy history as it helps make the world of the mid-1700s that much more vibrant. I highly recommend this book!

I'll put it simply. This book is essential reading in order to have an appreciation of the thinking of the founders and framers of the US Constitution. Chapter 19 makes very clear the meaning of "natural

born citizen", a term which has been woefully misunderstood and misrepresented. In addition, the book contains excellent descriptions of what it meant to be a citizen of a country, an idea that probably very few think about today. An important read for anyone who wishes to learn more about the thinking of the "Enlightenment".

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