Amending America If We Love the Constitution So Much, Why Do We Keep Trying to Change It

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Scholars of American constitutional development should find the book a useful addition to their shelves; general readers should find it an interesting and enjoyable way to learn about some often overlooked aspects of American history."--Sanford Levinson, History Book Club News "Invaluable for just about anybody seeking to understand the contradictions of our approach to constitutional government."--Herbert S. Parmet, author of Richard. Nixon and His America "For a book with such a weighty subject, Amending America is surprisingly entertaining and humorous."--Alan Mass in the New York Law Journ...Â ‘A skillfully rendered, comprehensive, and engaging study of Article V’s procedures for amending the Constitution.’ -Washington Post. Customer reviews. He reflects on how amendments have changed the presidency and judiciary, and, thus, the nature of government. Though his chapter on proposals to rewrite the Constitution seems sketchy, Bernstein, prompted by the 1992 passage of an obscure amendment (about the timing of legislators’ salary increases) proposed in 1789, intriguingly explores how several unresolved issues "haunt the Constitution's amending process."Â As Bernstein and Agel correctly argue, amending the nation's most fundamental legal and political document is not a trivial issue. Fortunately, they give it the serious attention it deserves.Â The Bill of Rights IS about “individual rights” and the author explains in detail why this is so. Amending America tells the dramatic story of how, over the past 206 years, the American people have reshaped the Constitution to meet the country's changing needs. It describes how we have adopted 27 amendments since 1789-and debated and rejected 10,000 more.Â A provocative examination of one of America's most important yet least-known democratic tools, Amending America brings to life events in our history that continue to resonate today as, as various politicians have set their hearts on amendments to balance the budget, to ban abortion, or to allow school prayer. "A wonderful book... A magnificent treasure trove of American history."â€”Arthur R. Miller, Bruce Bromley Professor of Law, Harvard Law School.