



Books Worth Reading

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

(NAPSA)—The Declaration of Independence, approved by the Continental Congress July 4, 1776, has been called “America’s birth certificate.” Some cherish it, others take it for granted. Just about everyone can gain a better understanding of it from a new book by lawyer and best-selling author Alan Dershowitz.



The book is titled *America Declares Independence* (Wiley, \$19.95). It points out contradictions within the document, notes how the meanings of Jefferson’s words have changed over the centuries

and asks—and tries to answer—many questions, including:

- Where do rights come from?
- Do we have “unalienable rights?”
- Do rights to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” have any meaning?
- Does the Declaration establish a Christian State?
- Are there “Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God?”

Drawing on the personal letters and published writings of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Dershowitz offers key insights into America’s most fundamental principles and what they mean today.

The book is at local bookstores or from the publisher at 1-800-225-5945 or www.wiley.com.