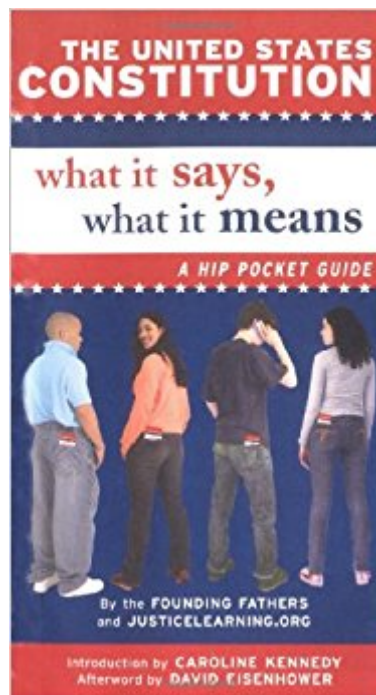




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Just the perfect size to have around for family arguments! The proof is in the pudding - pull out this little tome and the discussions get quieter - at least in my house!

The hip pocket booklet is just that! It is a small 3x5, compact book full of pertinent information alright, but very hard to read since the type face is tiny. If you plan to study from the guide it will require good eyes and great lighting. I may have missed this fact in descriptions of this item before buying it. Other than this one drawback, this booklet is worth having. It delivers what you need to know. The "What it means" sections, following each Article and Amendment entry are restatements of each item in easy to understand language. The explanations are very helpful for understanding the Constitution! In short, this book/hip guide by Oxford University Press will not disappoint.

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excellent, easy to read.

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