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*A Forest of Giant Oaks —
The Secret History of the
Republic*

SECTION 1

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



SHORT BIO

J.M. RASINSKE (John Michael Rasinske) was raised in Franklin, Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He lives in Hillsborough (H-Vegas), North Carolina with his wife and teenage daughter while his three adult sons pursue their own independence. Outside of writing, he enjoys playing his Terry McInturff guitar, doing DDP Yoga, and spending time with family. This is his debut novel.

LONG BIO

J.M. Rasinske (John Michael Rasinske) grew up in Franklin, Wisconsin, where an early love of books, music, and American history shaped both his education and his imagination. He earned his English degree with a writing emphasis from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, along with a teaching certificate and a minor in music—where he also met his wife, his partner of more than thirty years. After several years teaching literature, he

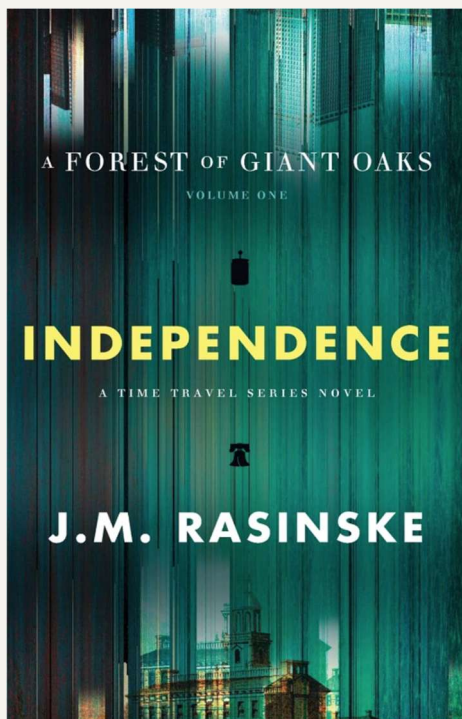
transitioned into information technology, building a long career while raising four children and writing whenever life allowed.

His debut novel, *A Forest of Giant Oaks – Volume 1: Independence*, is the result of years of research, drafting, and self-editing under his imprint, H-Vegas Publishing. Inspired in part by Walter Mosley’s *This Year You Write Your Novel*, Rasinske set out to craft a high-concept story that blends historical detail with time-bending science fiction. The series explores the creation and meaning of America’s founding documents—the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights—through a narrative that asks what happens when the past itself comes under attack.

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SECTION 2

THE BOOK



A FOREST OF GIANT OAKS

Volume 1 — Independence

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BOOK DESCRIPTION

The Declaration of Independence Was Written in 2011, Not 1776.

17-year-old Christopher "Topher" White's days of living off the grid in Philadelphia end when the sale of credit card data he hacked goes bad. He survives a gunshot wound and exposes his existence to a cryptic collective called the Regents. They have documentation of Topher's past, so to get them back, he negotiates to get his GED and to work as a janitor at Independence Hall. Topher's life changes the night five men stumble out of the bell tower. He believes them to be drunk actors, but later figures out they're the Committee of Five who traveled in time from 1776 to 2011. Topher connects with Benjamin Franklin and influences edits to the Declaration of Independence.

Meanwhile, Giovanni Rosso, Wall Street billionaire and leader of a ruthless cabal, becomes aware of Franklin's presence and steals the Regents' device for time travel. Topher must help get the Founders back to 1776 in time to deliver the Declaration of Independence, or put both the fate of America and his quest for personal independence at risk.

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SERIES OVERVIEW

A Forest of Giant Oaks — The Secret History of the Republic

The hidden conflict that shaped America long after its story was written.

Over centuries, two factions have fought over the preservation or the undoing of America. The Regents work to protect the ideals forged into the Declaration, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. The Brokers, led by the ageless Giovanni Rosso, steal technology from the future to quietly sabotage the nation before it is even formed.

Drawn into this hidden struggle is Topher White, an orphaned computer prodigy from Philadelphia who has lived his entire life off the grid. When he crosses paths with Madame Zaphon, the Regents' leader, Topher encounters Historical Figures at different points in history,

including his own. Franklin, Washington, Madison, and Hamilton prepare him for a role he never expected.

They guide him toward becoming the one American capable of restoring what has been lost and shaping what comes next.

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- **Barnes & Noble:** <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/a-forest-of-giant-oaks-volume-1-independence-john-m-rasinske/1142823087>
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