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English . Brand New Book. In May 1788, the roads into Richmond

overflowed with horses and stagecoaches. From every county,

specially elected representatives made their way to the capital

city for the Virginia Ratification Convention. Together, these

delegates-zealous advocates selected by Virginia's deadlocked

citizens-would decide to accept or reject the highly controversial

United States Constitution, thus determining the fate of the

American Republic. The rest of the country kept an anxious vigil,

keenly aware that without the endorsement of Virginia-its

largest and most populous state-the Constitution was doomed.

In *The Fate of the Revolution*, Lorri Glover explains why Virginia's

wrangling over ratification led to such heated political debate.

Beginning in 1787, when they first learned about the radical new

government design, Virginians had argued about the proposed

Constitution's meaning and merits. The convention delegates,

who numbered among the most respected and experienced

patriots in Revolutionary America, were roughly split in their

opinions. Patrick Henry, for example, the greatest orator of the

age, opposed James Madison, the intellectual force behind the

Constitution. The two sides were so evenly matched that in the...



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