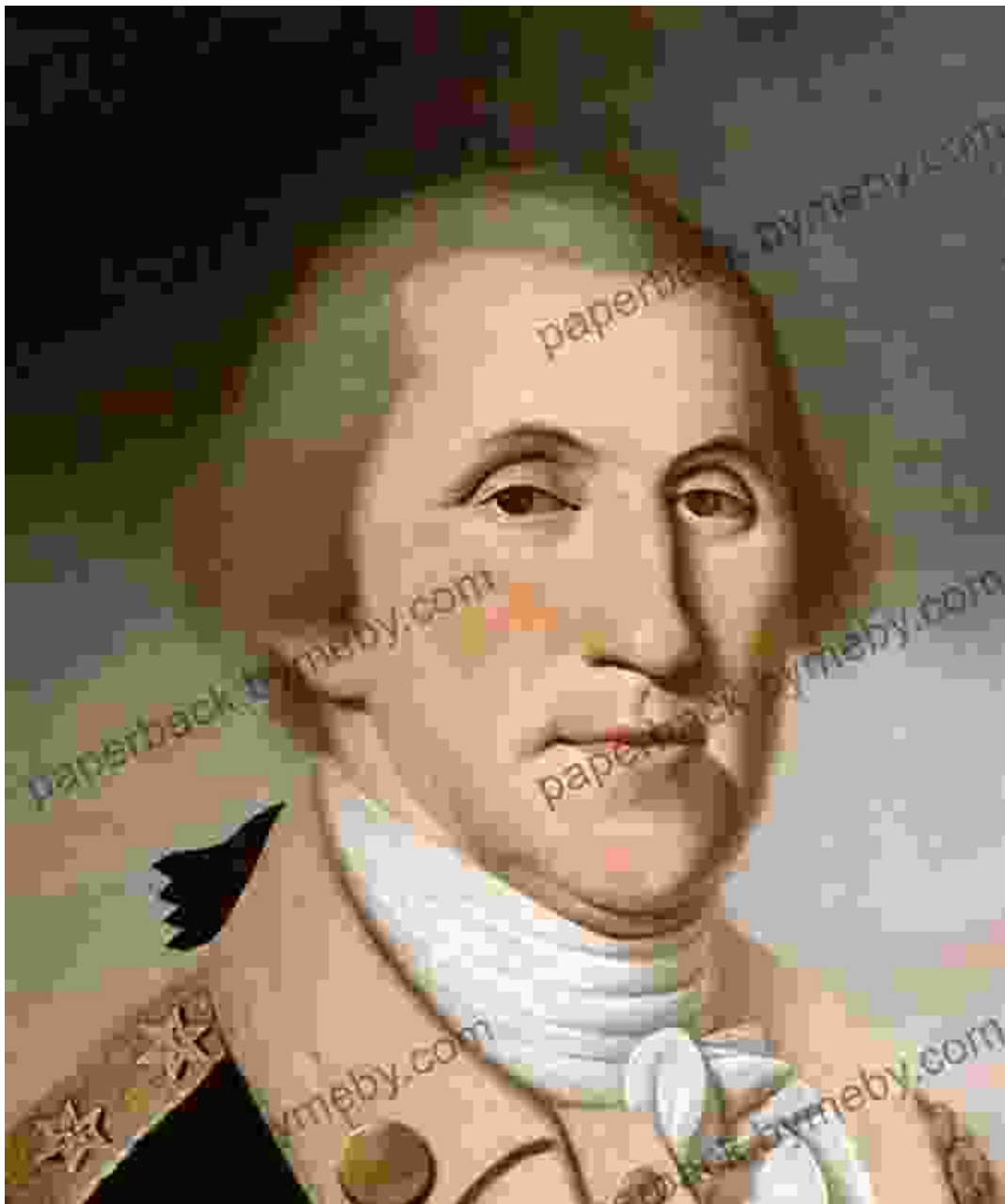


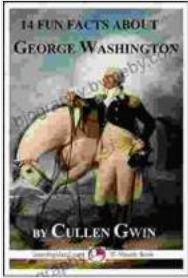
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George Washington, the first President of the United States, is a towering figure in American history. His life and legacy have been the subject of countless books, articles, and documentaries. But beyond the familiar stories of his military and political accomplishments, there are many lesser-known and fascinating facts about this remarkable man.

Here are 14 fun facts about George Washington that you may not know:

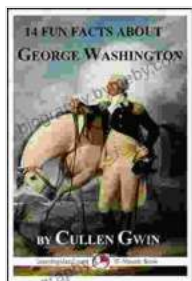
1. **Washington was the tallest president in American history.** He stood 6 feet 2 inches tall, which was considered exceptionally tall in the 18th century.
2. **Washington was a skilled surveyor and mapmaker.** Before he became a military leader, he worked as a surveyor for the Virginia colony. He was known for his meticulousness and accuracy, and his maps were highly valued.
3. **Washington was an avid fox hunter.** He loved to ride his horses and hunt foxes. He was also a member of the Potomac Hunt, the oldest fox hunting club in America.

4. **Washington was a Freemason.** He was a member of the Alexandria Lodge No. 22 in Virginia. He was also a Grand Master of the Freemasons of Virginia.
5. **Washington was a devout Christian.** He was a member of the Episcopal Church and regularly attended church services. He was also a strong believer in the importance of religious freedom.
6. **Washington was married to Martha Dandridge Custis.** She was a wealthy widow with two children. They were married in 1759 and had no children together.
7. **Washington owned slaves.** He owned more than 600 slaves during his lifetime. He freed some of his slaves in his will, but others remained enslaved until after his death.
8. **Washington was a successful businessman.** He owned several plantations and businesses. He was also involved in real estate speculation and made a significant fortune.
9. **Washington was a reluctant president.** He did not want to leave his home at Mount Vernon to serve as president. He agreed to serve only because he believed it was his duty.
10. **Washington was a strong leader.** He was a decisive and effective commander during the Revolutionary War. He also played a key role in establishing the new government of the United States.
11. **Washington was a great communicator.** He was a gifted speaker and writer. His farewell address is considered one of the most important speeches in American history.

12. **Washington was a humble man.** He refused to have his portrait painted until after he had left office. He also donated his presidential salary to charity.
13. **Washington is the only president to have been unanimously elected.** He received all 69 electoral votes in the 1789 election.
14. **Washington is the face of the United States dollar.** His portrait has been featured on the dollar bill since 1869.

These are just a few of the many interesting and surprising facts about George Washington. He was a complex and fascinating man who left an enduring legacy on the United States.

If you want to learn more about George Washington, I encourage you to read one of the many biographies that have been written about him. You can also visit his home at Mount Vernon, Virginia, which has been preserved as a museum and historical site.

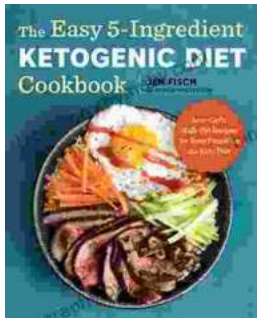


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