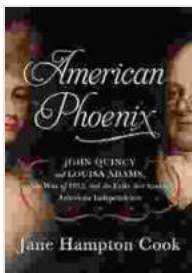


# John Quincy and Louisa Adams: The War of 1812 and the Exile That Saved America

John Quincy Adams and Louisa Adams were a remarkable couple who played a pivotal role in American history. During the War of 1812, John Quincy served as a diplomat in Russia, while Louisa remained in Washington, D.C., where she witnessed the burning of the White House. After the war, John Quincy was appointed Secretary of State by President James Monroe, and he helped to negotiate the Adams-Onís Treaty, which gave the United States control of Florida. Louisa continued to be a strong advocate for her husband's career, and she was a vocal supporter of the abolition of slavery.

## John Quincy Adams: A Diplomat in Russia

John Quincy Adams was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, on July 11, 1767. He was the son of John Adams, the second president of the United States, and Abigail Adams, a prominent writer and intellectual. John Quincy Adams graduated from Harvard College in 1787, and he then studied law. In 1794, he was appointed by President George Washington as the first American minister to the Netherlands. In 1809, he was appointed by President James Madison as the first American minister to Russia.



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### **Louisa Adams: A Witness to History**

Louisa Adams was born in London, England, on February 12, 1775. She was the daughter of Joshua Johnson, an American merchant, and Catherine Nuth Johnson. Louisa Adams was a well-educated woman, and she was fluent in several languages. In 1797, she married John Quincy Adams. The couple had four children together.

During the War of 1812, Louisa Adams remained in Washington, D.C., with her children. She witnessed the burning of the White House by British troops, and she also helped to care for the wounded American soldiers.

### **The Adams Legacy**

John Quincy and Louisa Adams were a remarkable couple who made significant contributions to American history. John Quincy Adams was a

brilliant diplomat and statesman, and he played a pivotal role in the War of 1812 and the negotiation of the Adams-Onís Treaty. Louisa Adams was a strong and independent woman who supported her husband's career and advocated for the abolition of slavery. The Adams legacy is one of public service and dedication to the principles of American democracy.



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