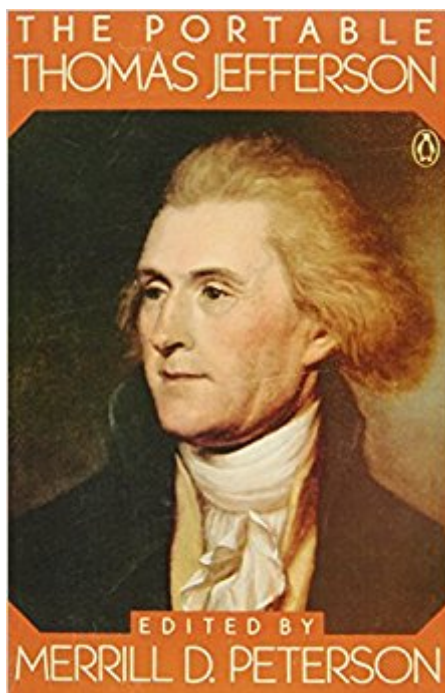


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Neat book. has a lot of the pertinent documents that Jefferson wrote and correspondences he had with people in his time. I wish there were some more biographical information in it, but it's a great source for primary material.

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