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What would America be like today without the Constitution? Bryce Sherwood, a young senatorial aide whose star is rising, is a key player in an attempt to pass an amendment that would eliminate the checks and balances built into the Constitution. When Nathaniel Gorham, one of the original Founding Fathers, appears to him, he is transported into a world where the Constitution was never ratified. In this strange world of oppression and fear, Bryce begins to learn the true value of the Constitution and the price of freedom. But will he be able to pay that price? Or will it cost him the love of Leslie Adams and her politically powerful family? Fans of Gerald Lund everywhere will enjoy *The Freedom Factor*, a gripping novel of courage and love that goes to the heart of the political strategem and maneuvers of present-day Washington, D.C.

## **The Freedom Factor Details**

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## From Reader Review The Freedom Factor for online ebook

### Jesse Whitehead says

Before Gerald N. Lund wrote his Work and the Glory series and established himself as the Robert Jordan of the LDS fiction market he made his authorial way by writing short, entertaining and often silly political themed adventure novels.

Freedom Factor is one of these. The problem with reading these early Lund books is that his formula starts to wear thin. This one is a political book about the importance of the United States Constitution. The point it's trying to make is a good one but I'm not sure that it goes about it in the best way.

The story involves a rather convoluted fantasy conceit that serves as this book's piece of hand-waveium. The problem is that the preaching is not hidden well enough to not sound like preaching and the characters lack a significant believable reaction to unbelievable events. There are a number of other things that smack of author convenience such as people being in the right place at the right time, a Constitution-signing ghost who has magical abilities to change things dramatically at convenient time and to refuse to do so when more tension is required.

Lund is talented enough that these shortcomings become minor. The characters are mostly relatable with motivations that make sense. His writing is smooth enough to make you forget that you're reading a book with an eminently silly premise to begin with. Until the ending it is a fun story that happens to have an easily overlooked message.

The ending proves to have no lasting consequences on the people involved, however, which renders the entire caper inexcusably pointless in so many ways that the rest of the book falls flat.

It's like the book exists as a quantum particle that can either be good or... not bad, maybe annoying. Upon observation of the final, unfortunate and disappointing conclusion the entire book collapses into a quantum state of disappointment.

Gerald Lund has written a plethora of these short books that are really only LDS fiction because the characters act with LDS morals — they are rarely explicitly LDS — but this is the most banal of them all. Read it only if you are a completist.

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### Ellen says

I enjoyed this book. It's purely fiction, but it makes you think. Some characters were pretty flat, and it was a bit preachy, but still an enjoyable story. My only complaint, I guess, was that the climax part of it, where everything was coming to a head, was hard to follow. I didn't quite catch all the time changes and who all the people were. But it all worked out and they lived happily ever after anyway. Good triumphed over evil. And that's the important thing, right?

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### Lisa Brown says

An exciting novel about a man who is thrown into a world where the constitution was never ratified. Lund

does a wonderful job of telling the story and helping you appreciate how truly amazing the constitution of the US really is, and how scary our country would be without it.

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### **Jadelyn Seegmiller says**

The Freedom Factor, though not my typical genre of book, was much better than I expected it to be. For the most part, I like to read period romances, historical fiction, and some autobiographies/ biographies. And although it may be incon"th"ei"b"able (inconceivable for those who didn't get that reference), I am not big on dystopian novels like Divergent and Hunger Games. When I began reading this twist on dystopic literature, I was pretty unsure if I would like it, but by the end of the book, I was in tears. I think that this was partly because I am very passionate about the main topic of this book, but regardless I thought it was a very well written novel. I will admit that this was a pretty cheesy story, but I appreciated the feel-good nature of the book rather than the grim nature of most dystopian books. I will also point out that this is a very interesting book in the sense that it takes a certain person to appreciate and enjoy it. For all those who like feel-good, inspiring books, but want to broaden their horizon, I would recommend this novel. Yes, this book may be a little odd, but I believe that readers could really be edified by this book if they will let catharsis move them.

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### **Charly Troff (ReaderTurnedWriter) says**

This is not my favorite novel by Lund, but it was still well done. It definitely makes you stop and think about our country and the things we can do to support and protect our freedoms. It's a quick read, but still thought provoking.

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### **Samuel says**

this book has everything besides mythical creatures.  
it has love, betrayal, hate, history, adventure, guns, action, truth,  
death,survival, cars, national monuments, government, even has an alternate reality.

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### **Arden says**

This book is about the situation that America would be in if no Constitution was ever established. It has so much truth in it, and really makes you think of what road America is really heading down right now.

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### **Leiloni Schulz says**

This book takes us to another world. . . one in which the constitution was never instated. There was plenty, of love and adventure to keep my entertained, all with some really good points about the founding of our nation.

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### **Damien says**

I think this is the most amazing book there is about freedom. It teaches the value of The United States Constitution and takes you into a US where the Constitution was nonexistent. It is a must read.

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### **Laine Lund says**

I learned a lot from this book about what America would be like if there wasn't the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. It makes me very grateful that the founding fathers wrote the Declaration and the Constitution so we could live in this great country today.

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### **David Slatten says**

Many of the reviews I read regarding this book were very poor. They said that this was not Lund's best work and that the story was weak and the some of the parts were a bit corny, etc. I will agree, it isn't one of Lund's best works but it is far from being a poor work. I think many of those reviews may have come from readers who do not like fantastical plots or otherworldly types of content. I don't know. What I do know is that I enjoyed this book and really couldn't put it down after passing the halfway point. Great protagonist with pretty decent character development and an equally decent antagonist. Without giving too much of the plot away, I enjoyed what the story was about and thought it was very apropos for what's going on today.

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### **Jodie says**

#### **Good book**

I at first was not excited to read this book because I thought it was going to be a non-fiction book. However, it was a wonderful novel. I didn't get into it right away, the first chapter or two didn't grab me. Once I was in though, I was truly hooked and could not put it down. Lund used very intelligent vocabulary which I appreciated. He also wove together a story that did make you think about where you stood in reference to the constitution, The United States, politics and freedom. Nicely done.

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### **Mack Fontano says**

SO SO SO good!

I LOVED this book! It made me SO happy, and it was so thought provoking!

I loved Bryce's character development and what he learned, I adored Leslie and Paul Adams, and I totally enjoyed the storyline.

I thought it was fabulous! And it helped you realize why we need our constitution. In America we take a lot of things for granted, but the founding fathers were inspired by God, and they knew we needed something to

govern and balance the government and the Elliot Mannington's of this world.

The constitution helps the government stay a government that is fair and just and for the people, it WAY helps the economy (In CONAS they had like one phone a building if that, and way less advanced stuff, but here in America with capitalism, and the constitution we have so much, and can create so much!) The constitution helps people's spirit and love, helps the everyday go better. You don't have to always be scared of the police killing you because of who knows what, and you can get to state to state without having to show your I.D. and other papers, even for Alaska and Hawaii, and you're free. The constitution is a miracle that saves America.

This book leaves you with a sense of gratitude for the constitution, and for what the founders did for us.

I loved Nathaniel Gorham, loved the love story (THAT ENDING SCENE!!!) and loved what Bryce learned.

I'd recommend it for everyone! Give it to all your politician friends, and to all your other friends. Everyone MUST read it. It taught so good lessons and everyone NEEDS to know, and learn, and love our constitution.

SO GOOD!!!

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### **Laura says**

If you are a lover of the Constitution, or just want to appreciate the freedoms we enjoy everyday, this book is for you. Excellent. I like to read it every summer before the 4th of July.

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### **Olivia says**

A mix of sci-fi, with some history, romance, plus a bit of constitutional facts!! I absolutely loved this book!!!!

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