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“THE JANE AUSTEN OF THE ESSAY” —NEW YORK TIMES

Wilmington, DE—ISI Books, the imprint of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), is pleased to announce the publication of *American Austen: The Forgotten Writing of Agnes Repplier*, edited by internationally acclaimed historian and author John Lukacs.

Agnes Repplier was one of the twentieth century’s greatest prose stylists and wits, esteemed in her own time by such writers as **Dorothy Parker**, **Willa Cather**, and **Edith Wharton**. Yet, amazingly, her work has been forgotten—that is until now. In *American Austen*, John Lukacs has compiled a definitive and delightful reader of the best writing of this most unjustly forgotten prose stylist and commonsense philosopher.

A native of Philadelphia, Agnes Repplier (1855–1950) published for sixty-five of her ninety-five years, was the author of more than two dozen books, and wrote for virtually every major literary outlet in America, including the *Atlantic*, *Harper’s*, and *Life*. In *American Austen*, Repplier emerges as perhaps the wittiest female author in the history of American letters—Dorothy Parker not excepted. Lukacs has gleaned from Repplier’s work reflections on:

- Puritanism
- American Politics
- The suburbs
- Writers from Horace to Thackeray
- Insightful excerpts from her many biographies
- And much more.

Agnes Repplier’s engaging style, good-natured skepticism, and realistic appreciation of the genuine accomplishments of Western civilization should win for her a new and appreciative readership in the twenty-first century. According to Florence King, “Agnes Repplier met the true definition of a writer: she had an ear for music gone awry. Her gift for the rhythm and melody of words made her so quotable that I have run out of Hi-Liters! Bless John Lukacs for giving her back to us.”

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