

There's much more to our nation's Capitol building than meets the eye. The first stone was laid by George Washington himself, and the building stands today as a symbol of the oldest democracy in the world. In this physical home of America's legislative branch, senators and representatives fight to pass laws they believe are for the good of the country.

But these hallowed halls, which some swear are haunted, also harbor a deep history—both extraordinary and deeply unsettling—and that is an equally important part of the story.

There is a hidden universe inside the Capitol, and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Kate Andersen Brower highlights the historic firsts, the building's restricted nooks and crannies, and the staffers—from pages to doorkeepers to librarians—who ensure that American democracy stays on track.

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