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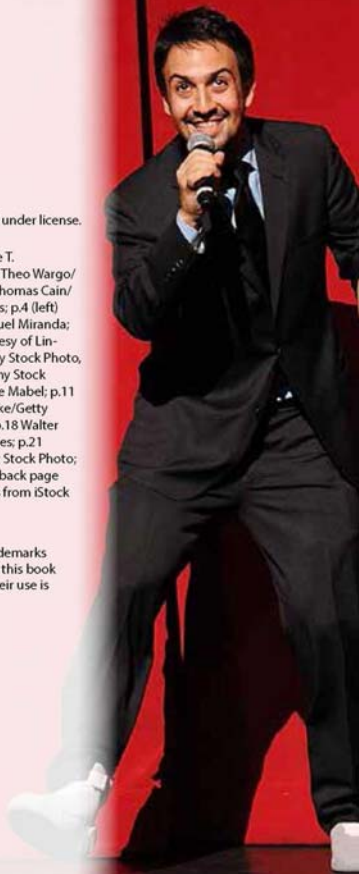


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Rewriting History

Lin-Manuel Miranda was casually looking around a bookstore one day when he came across *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow. He bought the bestselling biography and began reading it on vacation in Mexico. After a few chapters, Miranda was hooked. The book describes how Hamilton, an orphan from the Caribbean, wrote his way out of poverty and overcame all odds to help shape a new nation. Miranda was inspired. He wanted to bring the Founding Father's journey to life in a new way. He started rewriting the story—this time as a rap and hip-hop musical.



Presidential Praise

First Lady Michelle Obama called *Hamilton* "the best piece of art in any form that I have ever seen in my life." President Barack Obama said, "The first thing we thought about was what could we do to encourage this kind of creativity in teaching history to our kids."

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