**An Invited Nomination for a Bradley Prize**

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Richard C. Brookhiser, Senior Editor of National Review, is the author of 12 books, including biographies of Washington, Adams, Hamilton, Morris, and Madison, hundreds of articles, reviews, and television scripts and appearances.

I understand that a Bradley Prize is not a lifetime achievement award, but 2014 was an extraordinary year for this seminal thinker, writer and analyst of the American experiment. His most recent, and I believe, most important book, *Founders’ Son*, tells of Lincoln’s reliance on the Founding Fathers, and their direct influence on Lincoln throughout his life.

“Brookhiser is one of America’s finest writers and *Founders’ Son* may be his finest book.” (Harvey Kay) Richard Snow, the former editor of American Heritage wrote, “…this is the best book about Lincoln that I’ve ever read”. Michael Bishop, the executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, said *Founders’ Son* is the “…sort of idea that might leave other Lincoln scribblers gnashing their teeth and thinking, “Why didn’t I think of that?”” George Will noted that: “with characteristic elegance and economy, Richard Brookhiser demonstrates that Lincoln assured America’s future by reconnecting the nation with its past. … Hence his book is—whether Brookhiser meant so or not—a primer on the great topic of present-day politics, the relevance of the Declaration of Independence as a manifesto for limited government.”

Brookhiser, born in upstate New York in 1955, was first published in Bill Buckley’s *National Review* at the age of 15, and has been an NR Senior Editor for more than 35 years.

He is the recipient of the National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush “for reintroducing Americans to the personalities, eccentricities and noble ideals of our nation’s founders.”

His regular columns appear in *National Review* and *American History* and are frequently quoted and cited in other publications.

2014 was an exceptional year for this historian of America who is eminently deserving of the Bradley Prize.

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