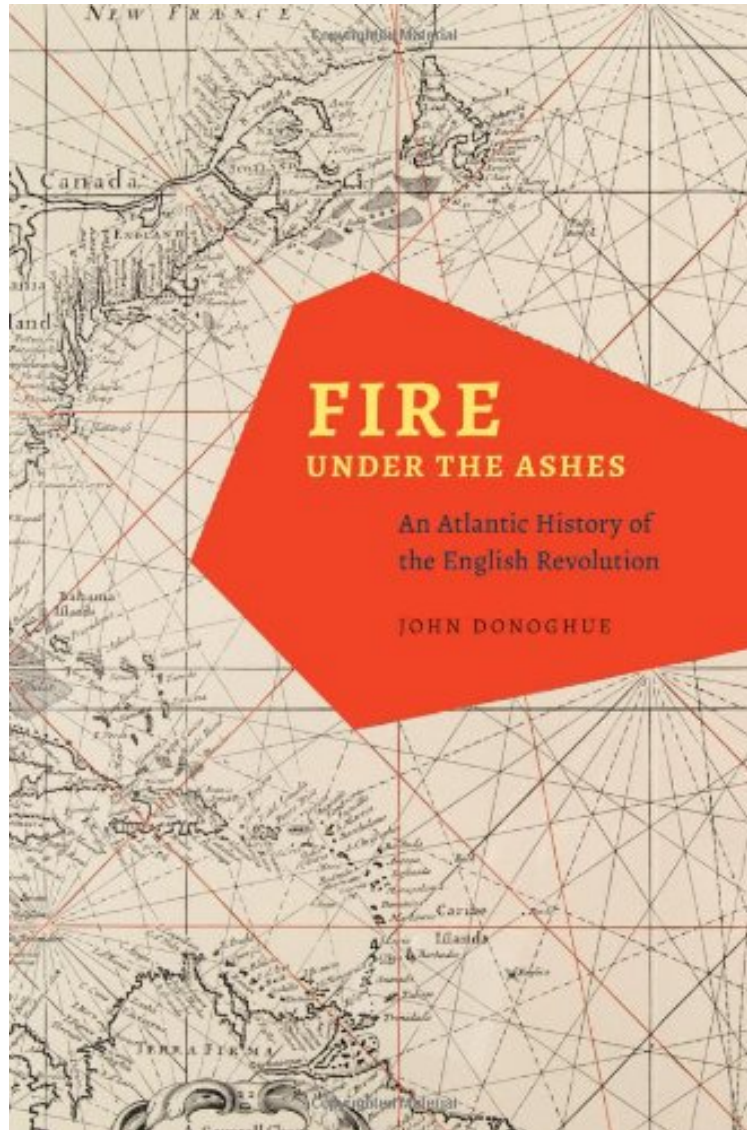


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tremendous influence on the course of history. I work on what was John Clarke's farm, the basis of the longest running trust (for the education of youngsters and helping the poor) in the US, dating from the 1600's. Clarke was the one that got Charles II to grant RI a charter with Indian ownership of their land, freedom of conscience and democratic self-rule. Yet Dr Clarke is rarely even a footnote and his accomplishments barely acknowledged even in his hometown. John Donoghue does an excellent job of presenting a history of this tumultuous period. It would surprise most Americans that there was an English Civil War (or two...) during our early Colonial period. Yet 'Fire Under the Ashes' reveals how intimately involved many current and former New Englanders were in this time of upheaval and revolution in Old England. Also surprising is depth and breadth that Cromwell and the Protectorate government would use the Irish, prisoners, Scots, royalists, homeless and kidnapped children as 'servants' or 'slaves' in the Indies and southern colonies in the pursuit of 'empire'. Donoghue's research is truly impressive. His writing style is truly enjoyable and engaging. Anyone with an interest in the American colonial period or the English 'revolution' will surely enjoy this book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. As a student of the Atlantic World this gives great insight into the early colonial period and the relationship ...By Glumelf As a student of the Atlantic World this gives great insight into the early colonial period and the relationship to the development of a revolutionary movement, it is an equal to the Many Headed Hydra. Donoghue is entertaining as much as developing a very interesting and thought provoking argument. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Because I am acquainted with this period of history, ...By Ann Donoghue Because I am acquainted with this period of history, the author's presentation in detailed, clear facts of the Atlantic dimensions of the English Revolution further clarified my understanding of this important period in our American history.

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Donoghue's excellent book is transatlantic history at its best: The author gives a gripping account of the political, economic, social, and religious dimensions of the English Revolution in virtually all parts of the English Atlantic world. . . . With its gripping way of storytelling, impressive body of annotations, and truly transatlantic scope, *Fire under the Ashes* is a fascinating read for anyone interested in Puritanism, the English Revolution, or colonial America.