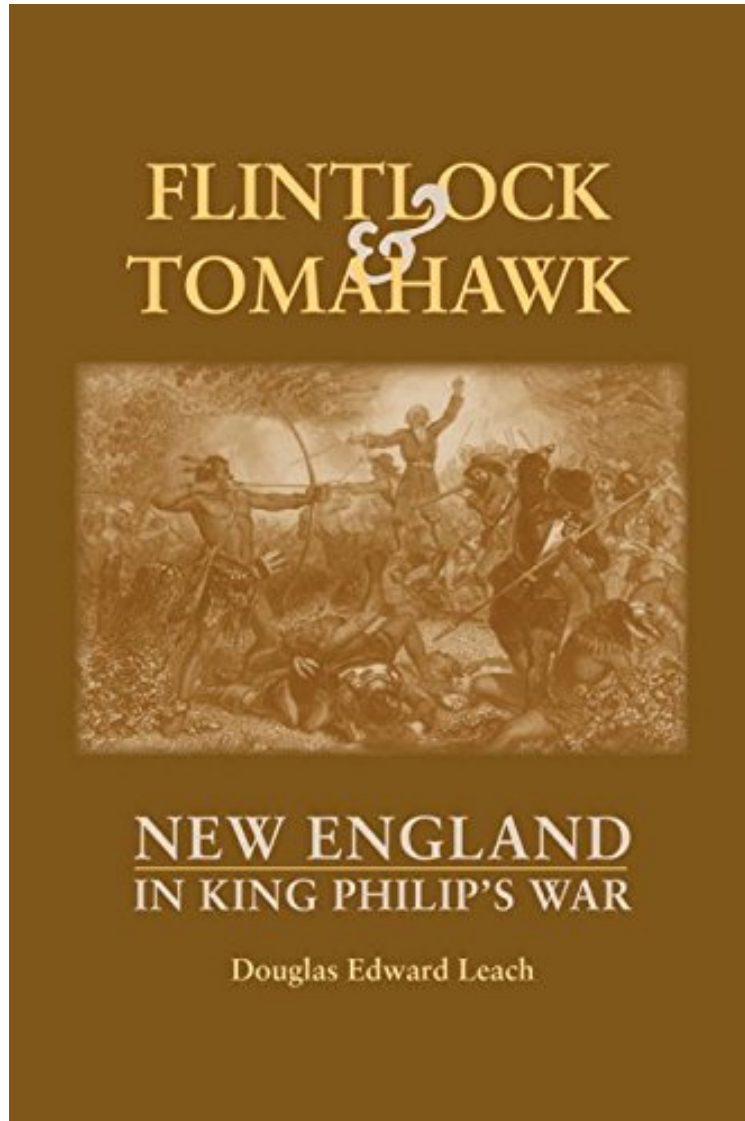


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Douglas Edward Leach : Flintlock and Tomahawk: New England in King Philip's War before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Flintlock and Tomahawk: New England in King Philip's War:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Factual ObjectiveBy georgeA very balanced overview of an integral part of American history.It is getting diffacult to find objective grounded accounts of early American history.Leach does a wonderful job at illustrating all the forces at work that seemed to lead to this inevitable conclusion.Leach avoids lumping all into a couple of camps he provides background of colonial politics and conflicts within the various

colonies as well as tribal politics religious differences involved Leach does a wonderful job of placing the reader in the times. So beautifully researched offering a real glimpse into most difficult times. Leach provides many great details in this overview much like Eckert's amazing works. I hope that this brief review provides some idea of this short but deeply researched book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a great book because it is probably the best study of ... By Jack Brant This is a great book because it is probably the best study of King Philip's War ever published. The author gives a balanced presentation of why the war occurred, and also does not take sides for either the English colonists or the Indians. His analysis is excellent of the long lasting effects of the struggle for New England for more than a century. 21 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Still the best, but also read Schultz's King Philip's War By Backyard Bob This is the best and most unbiased history of King Philip's war. Leach wrote the book; Morrison only wrote the two-page introduction. Leach tends to be a little "politically correct" but in general he gives us an unbiased history. This is an interesting book and I've just finished rereading after a 10-year gap. It is still interesting. This was an amazing war between Puritans, who were poorly equipped in nearly every way, against Indians who were born and raised in warfare. For many months the Whites lost virtually all the battles. King Philip's war was one of desperate sieges of tiny garrisons and ambushes of those Whites trying to rescue those besieged. Just when you think the Whites are about to get the upper hand, the Indians attack new targets and the Whites are losing again. The most amazing thing is that the colonists had not one English soldier or ship to help them. They raised and equipped their own little militia companies. Unlike some other Indian wars that only had a few battles, this little war had dozens if not hundreds of little battles. The Indian was as well armed with flintlocks, as was the White. In this war, the Indian was far superior in tactics and he was never beaten when he could fight his guerrilla style warfare. This was the Indians' last chance to push the White man into the sea. Providence (Rhode Island) was nearly destroyed and the Indian raided the towns adjacent to Boston. Town after town was destroyed. I think this book is a little superior to Schultz's "King Philip's War," which is a little bit too PC. But both are well worth reading.

Marked by scrupulous and wide-ranging research, it is not only good history but good narrative as well. Robert J. Taylor, *American Historical Review* This classic account of King Philip's War, first published in 1958, offers a bird's-eye view of the conflict, from the Wampanoag sachem's rise to his ultimate defeat. The battles, massacres, stratagems, and logistics of this war are all detailed, with the leaders of both sides figuring prominently in this tale of bloodshed, privation, and woe. The author weighs all the factors contributing to the Native Americans' defeat and surveys the effects of the war on the lives of both Indians and colonists in the years to come. With insight, balance, and compassion, Leach portrays the tragedy of the war and points toward the future of the nascent American republic.

About the Author Douglas Edward Leach (1920-2003) was a distinguished scholar and professor of American history. Leach spent the last three decades of his career at Vanderbilt University. Among his achievements were Fulbright Lectureships at the Universities of Liverpool, England, and Auckland, New Zealand. His other published works include *The Northern Colonial Frontier, 1607-1763*; *Arms for Empire*; and *Roots of Conflict: British Armed Forces and Colonial Americans, 1677-1763*. Leach's final book, *Now Hear This: The Memoir of a Junior Naval Officer in the Great Pacific War*, won the John Lyman Book Award of the North American Society for Oceanic History.