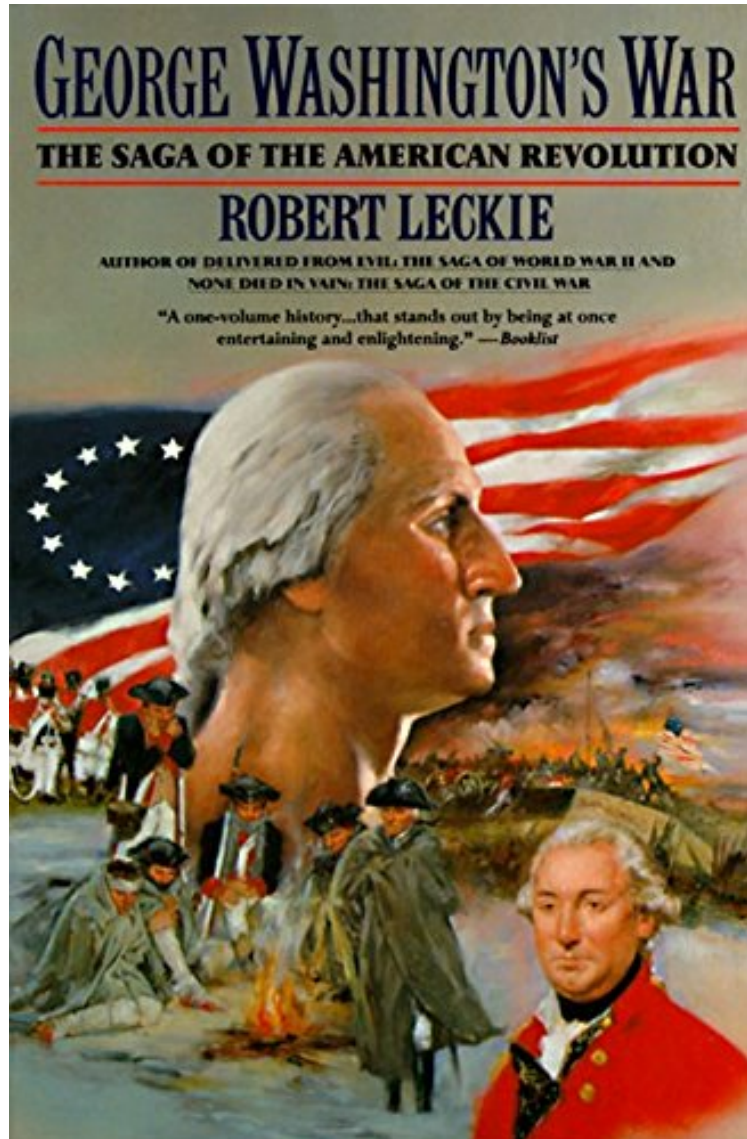


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Robert Leckie : George Washington's War: The Saga of the American Revolution before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised George Washington's War: The Saga of the American Revolution:

38 of 39 people found the following review helpful. An excellent, very readable chronicle of the Revolution By J. Mullin Some historians, such as Shelby Foote, have a natural ability to assimilate tremendous amounts of historical and

biographical data, and weave it all into a very approachable story that reads almost like a novel. Leckie has accomplished a similar feat with this book, which is the best book I have read on the American Revolution. Short on maps and without footnotes, the book nevertheless tells as complete a story as can be hoped for in a one volume account of the war, with excellent biographical sketches of many of the major and minor players such as Benedict Arnold, John Andre, John Burgoyne, Banastre Tarleton, Horatio Gates, Samuel Adams, and Nathaniel Greene, and countless others. He keeps the action in context, filling in readers with important contemporary details from the internal squabbling of the Continental Congress as well as British Parliament, without getting too bogged down in irrelevant detail. The passages about the treason of Arnold, and Arnold's tremendous military accomplishments and mistreatment by Congress leading up to his betrayal, were particularly riveting. There have been many books written about the Civil War, and most general readers with a passing interest in history (like myself) are familiar with most major Civil War battles and generals. However there is a dearth of knowledge and material about the battle for American independence. While we all know what happened at Yorktown, this book is suspenseful and will fill in the considerable gaps in our knowledge of this important time in the nation's history. I recommend this book with enthusiasm.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you read only one Revolutionary War book, this is it. By Arcane Thought This is the best one volume history of the American Revolution you will get. It covers all the pertinent history. All throughout the book are chapters between the events giving mini biographies of the main players of this period. I liked how the author didn't talk down to the reader. He used big words and through in rare pieces of information the reader of say a celebrity news anchors book wouldn't even get. The modern history is just an action novel without much substance and much virtue signalling. This book should be in print and not have to be bought used. It is important people know that this Revolution really was a civil war. The parts about the Tories and Patriots killing each other was eye opening. Most books I have read on the subject don't even mention that aspect of the war. The modern history just gravitates to the great man philosophy. And while I love my founding fathers they were just men not gods.

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Overview of the American Revolution! By Michael Taylor Leckie has written an excellent account of the much overlooked American War of Independence. His writing style is interesting: full of anecdotal notes on several historical figures, reads like a novel, and is simple without insulting your intelligence. I thoroughly enjoyed reading about the character of King George, the Howe brothers, Charles Lee, Benedict Arnold, Nathaniel Greene, Daniel Morgan, Charles Cornwallis, and especially George Washington. The major complaints I had: the maps (too few and lacked detail), lack of footnotes, and no pictures. The maps' lack of detail made it difficult sometimes to follow troop movements and more should have been developed to cover more of the battles covered in the book. Listing footnotes would have helped immensely to validate what the author said about certain people and events and to help separate his opinion from actual recorded history. Having more pictures would have also helped by adding more of a human element to the book. For example, Leckie on mentioned that Lord Rawdon and Charles Lee were two of the ugliest men in the Revolution while John Laurens and John Andre were impressive looking men who drove the ladies wild. It would have been interesting to at least see some portraits of them and form your own opinion! It also would have been nice to see some drawings of the various battles that Leckie so vividly portrayed. I still highly recommend the book as an excellent introductory and comprehensive study of the Revolution and look forward to reading more of Leckie's titles. Read and enjoy!

An exciting trip back in time to the American Revolution, "a reminder of what history can be when written by a master."--Publishers Weekly

From Publishers Weekly This fast-paced, vivid narrative enhances Leckie's reputation as a popular military historian (*Delivered from Evil* ; *None Died in Vain*). A storyteller in the tradition of Bruce Catton, he perceives the origins of the American Revolution in the colonists' increasingly pervasive drive for independence and describes the revolution's success as the consequence of American victories in battle. Leckie has high praise for the fighting men on both sides. The British adapted unfamiliar kinds of warfare; the Americans developed the endurance and discipline they needed to make good on their defiance of the crown. The work's principal strength, however, is its juxtaposition of colorful depictions of the war's principal figures with exciting accounts of the major campaigns. The book is a reminder of what history can be when written by a master. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Leckie, who has written popular histories of the American Civil War, World War II, the Korean War, and others, now offers a five-and-drum account of the American Revolution. This book, like his others, is long on anecdote and short on analysis. Leckie drags out many tired commonplaces, casting the patriots as heroes and the British as villains, and he focuses on kings and generals rather than common soldiers or a people at war. Leckie's deft vignettes of leaders and his belief that "right" won in the end give his account energy and conviction, but his old-school reading of the causes and conduct of the war and his total neglect of its consequences limit the book's worth. -Randall M. Miller, St. Joseph's Univ., Philadelphia Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus s Leckie (*None Died in Vain*, 1990, etc.) retreads familiar terrain in lively style--in this retelling of the story of the American Revolution. Beginning with a recapitulation of the French and Indian War--which, though ending in British victory,

represented the beginning of the end of the British empire in America--Leckie briskly recounts the well-known events leading to America's break with Britain and the military development of the war. In anecdotal biographical sketches, he draws vivid portraits of the war's principals: George III, George Washington, Thomas Gage, Lord Cornwallis, and Benedict Arnold, among others. Leckie summarizes the principal battles of the war--Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill, Washington's disastrous Long Island and Manhattan campaigns, his victories at Trenton, Princeton, Saratoga, and Yorktown--in lucid, workmanlike fashion. In superb depictions of the British leaders and of the British home front, he also adds details rarely found in popular American histories, and, unlike some historians, he doesn't neglect the southern war--the battles of Camden, Cowpens, and King's Mountain are covered as thoroughly as any. But although Leckie is a superior narrator of military and personal dramas, he offers no particularly interesting interpretations of the war's events, and he limits his reflections on its aftermath to praising our constitutional government as ``an ideal of perfection in representative government." Short on analysis, but, still, an enjoyable popular history. -- Copyright 1992, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.