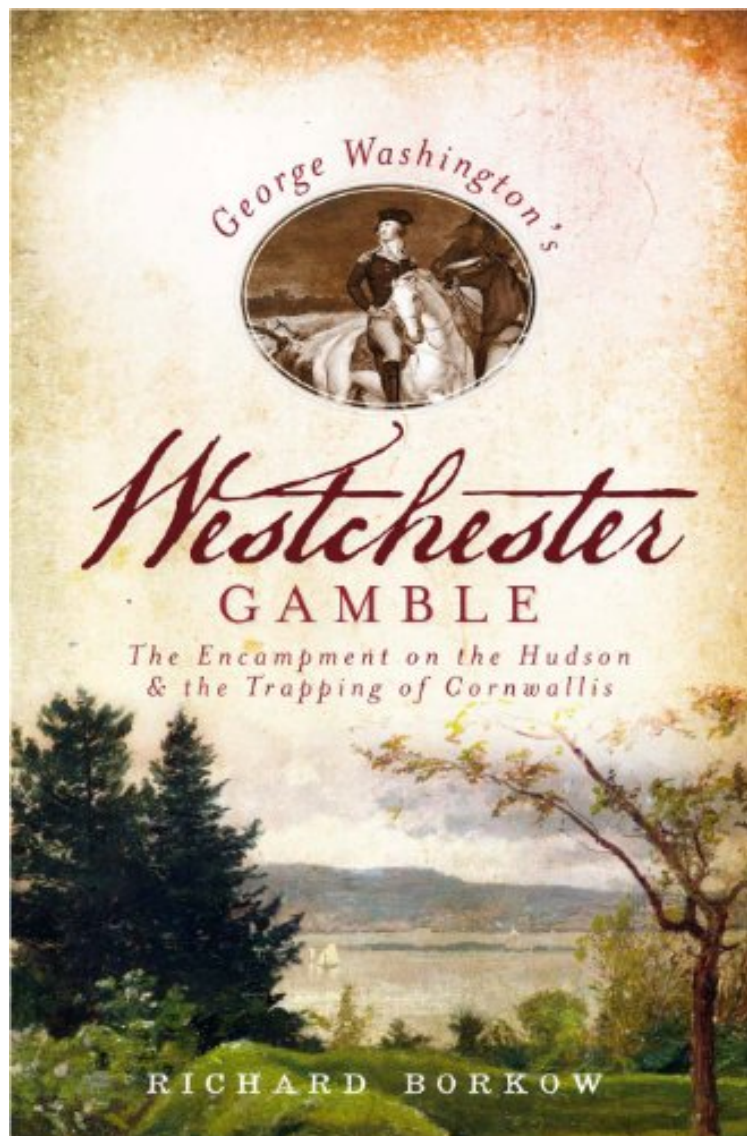


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Wonderfully well researched and written, this book describes historical events, the context of the decisions, and the locations where it all happened. I love reading about my childhood home town and its history. I'll be getting copies for my family that all have moved away from Dobbs, but still feel great affection for the area.
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During the summer of 1781, the armies of Generals Washington and Rochambeau were encamped in lower Westchester County at Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley, Hartsdale, Edgemont and White Plains. It was a time of military deadlock and grim prospects for the allied Americans and French. Washington recognized that a decisive victory was needed or America would never achieve independence. In August, he marched these soldiers to Virginia to face General Cornwallis and his redcoats. Washington risked all on this march. Its success required secrecy, and he prepared an elaborate deception to convince the British that Manhattan, not Virginia, was the target of the allied armies. Local historian Richard Borkow presents this exciting story of the Westchester encampment and Washington's great gamble that saved the United States.

"This fascinating book by Richard Borkow provides a series of riveting chapters that view the U.S. War for Independence from a wide variety of perspectives. Westchester County NY was the middle ground separating the defenders of the Hudson River Valley and the British who wished to split the new-born United States in two. The personal perspectives of Westchester citizens are described in context with the shift of annual campaigns from New England to the Carolinas and with the power struggles between European nations, in whose eyes the U.S. was just one of many contested areas around the globe. The land granted to the U.S. at the peace table would depend on which side dominated Virginia by the end of 1781, and the U.S. race to avoid bankruptcy, mass desertions, and foreign domination is told with conviction and ample documentation." --Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route
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Richard Borkow is the village historian of Dobbs Ferry, New York, a trustee of the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society and editor of the website www.VillageHistorian.org. In 2009 and 2010, he was project director for *Noted Historians Reveal Dobbs Ferry's Historic River Connections*, a series of video interviews on YouTube with distinguished historians, including Pulitzer Prize recipient, David Hackett Fischer. In the interview entitled, *American Revolution: The Decision Which Won the War*, Dr. Fischer speaks about the dramatic "moment of choice" in Westchester County which led, two months later, to the decisive Franco-American victory over Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxX0Kzfyeyk>. That same "moment of choice," and the great risks that were associated with it, are explored in detail in *George Washington's Westchester Gamble*.