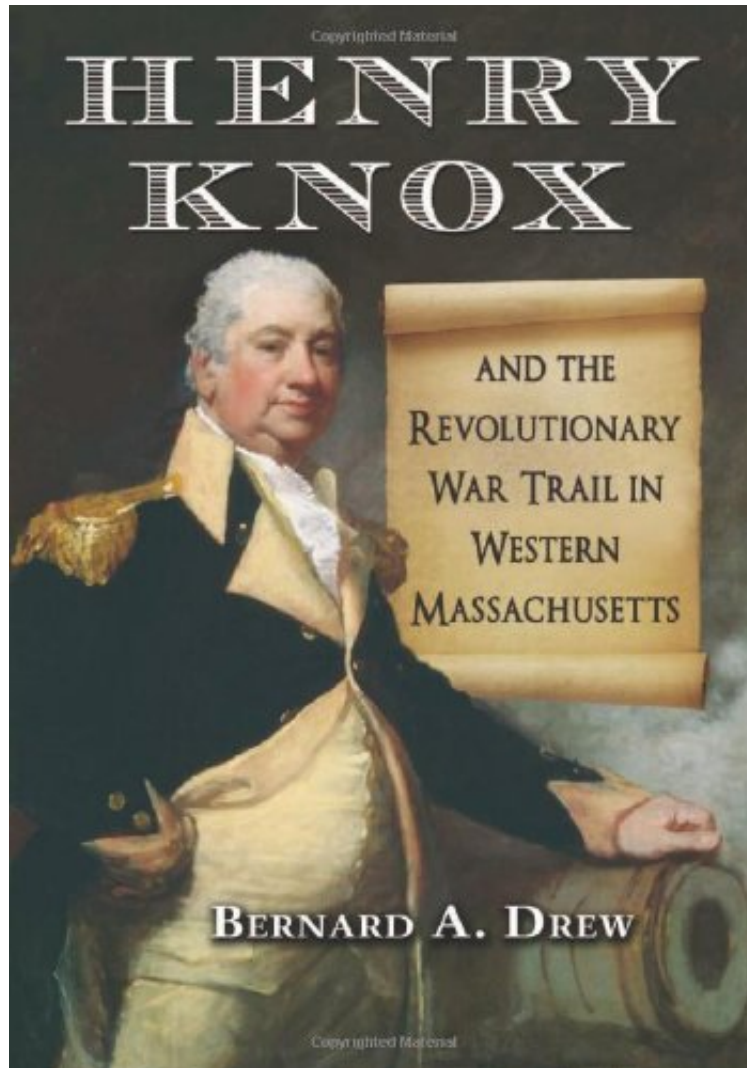


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crucial one of bringing the cannon from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston at the start of the Revolution. The author gives a great description of this trek which was an amazing feat - the cannons were transported on sledges and there needed to be enough snow for the sledges to move properly. Most of the book is on the prior and subsequent history of the trail, from the initial Indian tracks through the French and Indian Wars and the Revolution - all of which were significant. The local historian comes through with minutiae about locations of various early houses and stopping places, which one may or may not be interested in. If you have any interest in Revolutionary and pre-Revolutionary New England, this book will be a valuable addition to your library. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good source of local history of events along the "Knox Trail" in the Berkshires. Well researched with lots of anecdotes concerning the trail. Not as much content about Henry Knox. This is a little misleading since Knox is featured prominently on the cover. The one major failing from my perspective is the almost complete lack of maps of the trail. One of the main thrusts of the book is discovering the actual route of the Knox Trail and the Indian Trail that precedes it. The authors reference to locations not shown or hard to find on Google or USGS maps make it difficult to follow unless you happen to be a local. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great piece of here to for missing history! By peter cameron I purchased the book because I am interested in the history of the area involved. For those who do not know the area they might not relate as well to it. It does a great job of detailing an important but overlooked part of our Country's history.

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"Superb...a great read." --The Berkshire Eagle. About the Author Bernard A. Drew, an associate editor of The Lakeville Journal and its associated weekly newspapers in Northwest Connecticut, has written 45 books. He lives in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.