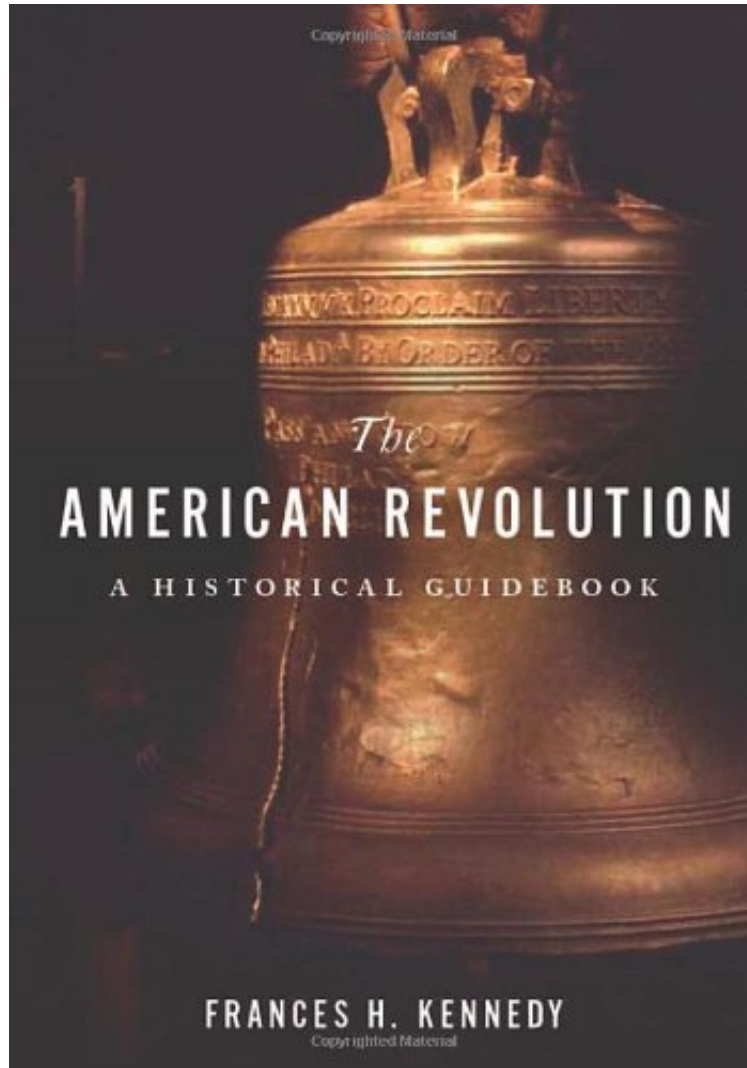


# The American Revolution: A Historical Guidebook

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0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By JohnGood17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Good but could have been Much Better! By B7PrinterI was elated to receive this book, and was impressed to see the care with which it was packed and shipped and its exceptional arrival condition. Strand is to be commended on its top-notch performance. I began reading it as soon as it arrived! "The American Revolution: A Historical Guidebook" has many of the characteristics described in the editorial reviews listed on . It is a good guide to 147 historic places of the Revolution. It is very 'readable' with narrative excerpts from many other good and some

outstanding books on the subject. It is a travelers guide in that it has relatively modern addresses for the historic places, with descriptions of what transpired at the various locations. The list of authors with short descriptions of their respective works is very informative and useful. It also has a fairly succinct but reasonably comprehensive and useful timeline. It is physically larger than the average book, not quite coffee table status, but close, so it could easily accommodate large, high quality images, but it doesn't do that. The numerous documents, while purposely and understandably old are poorly reproduced, dark and nearly illegible, with no accompanying modern images of the text so that one can easily read and understand the contents. They actually detract from the book's quality and the reader's enjoyment. The same can be said for the historic maps. While it is always good to see the images of the original documents and maps, they should be accompanied by modern, legible versions for the benefit of the reader's understanding and enjoyment. These additions would have made the book a much more useful and enjoyable addition to an American Revolutionary War library. Weighing these strengths and deficiencies, the book still has good value, but in my humble opinion it is overpriced for that value. Consider *A Guide to the Battles of the American Revolution* by Savas and Dameron, along with *A Battlefield Atlas of the American Revolution* by Symonds for better maps and illustrations and descriptions of the battles and informative charts to give more context to a reader's understanding of the War and participants. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By motherof6haven't read it yet, but it looks great

In 1996, Congress commissioned the National Park Service to compile a list of sites and landmarks connected with the American Revolution that it deemed vital to preserve for future generations. Some of these sites are well known-- Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, Fort Ticonderoga--and in no danger of being lost; others less so-- Blackstock's Plantation in South Carolina or Bryan's Station in Kentucky--and more vulnerable. But all are central to the story of our nation's fight for independence. From battlefields to encampments, meeting houses to museums, these places offer us a chance to rediscover the remarkable men and women who founded this nation and to recognize the relevance of not just what they did, but where they did it. *The American Revolution: A Historical Guidebook* takes readers to nearly 150 of these sites, providing an overview of the Revolution through an exploration of the places where American independence was articulated, fought for, and eventually secured. Beginning with the Boston Common, first occupied by British troops in 1768, and closing with Fraunces Tavern in New York, where George Washington bid farewell to his officers on December 4, 1783, Kennedy takes readers on a tour of the most significant places of Revolutionary history. Accompanied by illuminating excerpts and essays from some of the foremost scholars in the field, including David McCullough, Barbara Tuchman, David Hackett Fischer, Eric Foner, and John Ferling, the entries move in a roughly chronological order from the pre-Revolutionary years up through 1787. Taken together, the combination of site, essay, and excerpt provides rich context and overview, giving a sense of the major figures and events as well as the course of the Revolution, and cover topics ranging from the Boston Tea Party to the frontier wars. The guide is encyclopedic in scope and covers a wide geographical sweep. Accompanied by historical maps, as well as a number of illuminating primary documents including the Declaration of Independence and letters from John Adams and George Washington, it offers a comprehensive picture of how the Revolutionary War unfolded on American soil, and also points readers to the best writing on the subject in the last fifty years. *The American Revolution: A Historical Guidebook* is an essential companion for anyone interested in the story and history of our nation's founding.

"The American Revolution: A Historical Guidebook will be an indispensable guide for students and general readers as well as for travelers to 147 historic places of the Revolution. This highly readable book blends into a compelling narrative excerpts from 95 outstanding books on the Revolution, so that it is also a guide to further reading about the founding of our nation." --John L. Gray, Elizabeth MacMillan Director, National Museum of American History "In *The American Revolution: A Historical Guidebook*, Frances Kennedy deftly blends the finest historical writing on the Revolution to create a vibrant portrait of a society and a continent on fire. That the volume doubles as an invaluable guide for the history-minded traveler is a remarkable bonus." --David O. Stewart, Author of *The Summer of 1787* About the Author Frances H. Kennedy is a conservationist and historian. Her books include *The Civil War Battlefield Guide* and *American Indian Places*.