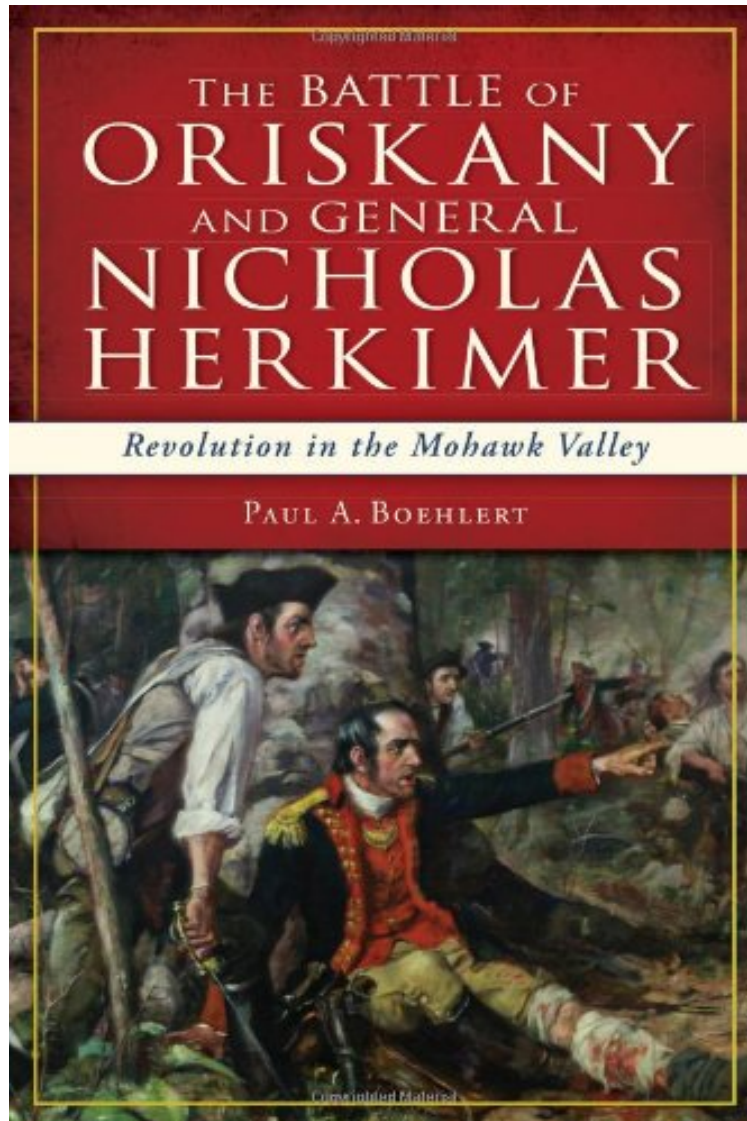


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Valley guy says thanks.By chuckI went to grade school in Herkimer,

New York. I saw *Drums Along the Mohawk*. I lived in Mohawk. Been to the general's home a few times. Spent over two decades in German Flatts (Ilion). I even went to Oriskany battlefield as a kid. Now I have to thank Paul. He did all the scholarly work to round out this story and make it accessible to even a nascent history buff like myself. I find it quite exciting to have many of my questions answered. But Paul sets the stage in a way that makes the people involved in this unique place and time breathe. Hats off Paul. Thanks.

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By Roger Tory

Probably no battle of the American Revolution is more open to interpretation based on whether you're an American or a Canadian/ British reader than Oriskany. Gavin Watt provides what is probably the definitive Canadian perspective on the battle. If you buy one book portraying the American perspective it should be Boehlert's. He doesn't accept sources that are credulous without a caveat, e.g. "It is said..." or "According to legend...", etc. His account of the fight is direct and well-pared. These alone are enough to recommend the book to the casual reader. But Boehlert goes further. A fine example is his observation that there would have been very little English spoken on the battlefield. On the American side the militia were mostly German-speakers and of the British forces many of the Tories spoke German as did the Hessian chasseurs. The Seneca, Mohawks and Oneidas spoke their own dialects. Boehlert drives this point home wonderfully.

One of the criticisms of the book I have seen is that it doesn't center enough on the battle. Accordingly, there's too much provided on the lives of the German-Americans of the Mohawk Valley. I think in order to understand how Oriskany unfolded the reader should be aware of the fact that the Tryon County Militia were very culturally different from, and primarily spoke a different language than, the men who stood at Lexington and Concord. Yet, they were just as American. How fitting.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Learning about the past.

By M. Hayes

Two of my ancestors were members of the Tryon Militia at the battle of Oriskany and offer me the opportunity to apply for membership in the DAR. Someday I hope to visit the original site. Until then, I can enjoy reading about my family history. The book was well written and the characters were nicely developed to see how their flaws affected an important part of our nation's history.

During the critical Battle of Oriskany in August 1777, Continental forces led by General Nicholas Herkimer defeated the British army under St. Leger in the heart of New York's Mohawk Valley. It was a hard-won victory, but he and his brave troops prevented the British from splitting the colonies in two. Although they did not succeed in relieving the British siege of Fort Stanwix, Herkimer's citizen-soldiers turned back the British and protected Washington's northern flank from attack. The Continental army survived to fight the decisive Battle of Saratoga the next month. Herkimer was mortally wounded, but his heroism and leadership firmly placed him in the pantheon of Revolutionary War heroes. Paul Boehlert presents a gripping account of the events before, during and after this critical battle.

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