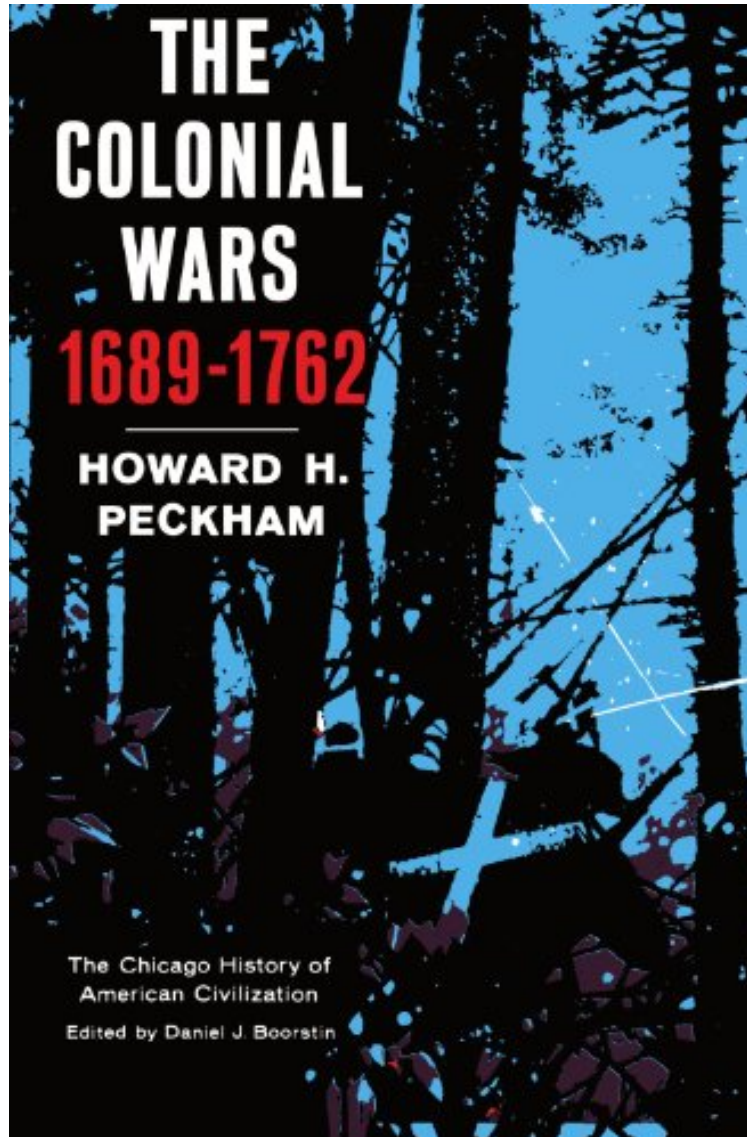


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Howard H. Peckham : The Colonial Wars (The Chicago History of American Civilization) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Colonial Wars (The Chicago History of American Civilization):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent History ResourceBy Eric D. BarnesAs a Colonial American history buff, this is a great resource for all of the wars preceding the American Revolution. This book contains excellent descriptions on wars that are not talked about much in school. King William's War, Queen Anne's

War and other conflicts with French Canada are all detailed nicely. Moreover, this book gives great information on colonial skirmishes with frontier and northeastern Indian tribes. What I liked most about this book are the mini-biographies of great colonial military leaders like James Oglethorpe and William Pepperrell. This is a great resource about a little known part of American history. It shows the resilience of American colonists and shows just how difficult the early settlement of our nation was. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Covers the topic but really dry reading

By Howard Schulman
Howard Peckham's book on the Colonial Wars certainly covers an interesting topic for those interested in early American history. I had recently finished an extremely well written book "The Crucible of War" by Fred Anderson on the last "colonial war"-the French and Indian War-and was looking to fill in the gaps. Anderson mentions that there were several important wars preceding the French and Indian War, but he didn't say much more. For early American history buffs, we know that the French and Indian War is extremely fascinating and underappreciated. I thought it would be interesting to find out more about the preceding events. There is not a lot written on this topic. Unfortunately, despite being well researched and factual, the book does not pull the earlier colonial wars together in a meaningful way. The early wars are presented one skirmish after the other, one minor character after the other, without any overriding themes and without much-needed background information. Some background is given, but much more was needed. The reading got slightly better during the King George's War in the 1740's during which the British captured Louisbourg from the French (and then gave it right back to the French after the colonialists had fought so hard to capture it, infuriating the colonialists). The text on the French and Indian War was better, but after reading Anderson's fantastic account and analysis of it, I was wasting my time. So, if you want some good reading, I'd advise to look elsewhere, but if you are an expert on the topic, this book may have something of value to you. It's relatively short and quick reading, but it was as dry as the pages it was printed on. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars

By Alabama Pride
Good read

Although the colonial wars consisted of almost continuous raids and skirmishes between the English and French colonists and their Indian allies and enemies, they can be separated into four major conflicts, corresponding to four European wars of which they were, in varying degrees, a part: King William's War (1689-97) (War of the League of Augsburg); Queen Anne's War (1702-13) (War of the Spanish Succession); King George's War (1744-48) (War of the Austrian Succession); and The French and Indian War (1755-62) (Seven Years' War). Mr. Peckham chronicles the events of these wars, summarizing the struggle for empire in America among France, England, and Spain. He indicates how the colonists applied the experience they gained from fighting Indians to their engagements with European powers. And what they learned from the colonial wars they translated into a political philosophy that led to independence and self-government. The ready involvement of the colonies in European ambitions, the success and failure of co-operation between colony and mother country, the efforts of the English colonies together, and the growing differences between them and Britain give the narrative continuity and rising excitement.

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