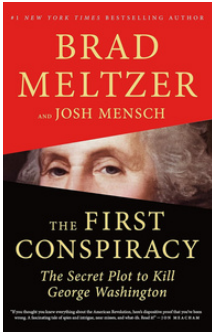


America's 250th - Reading Guide

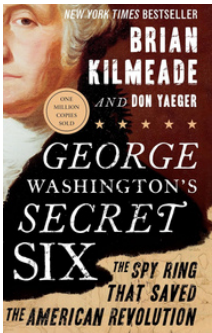
Non-Fiction: Espionage & Conspiracy



The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington

by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch

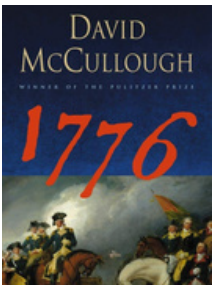
Taking place during the most critical period of our nation's birth, The First Conspiracy tells a remarkable and previously untold period of American History that not only reveals George Washington's character but also illuminates the origins of America's counterintelligence movement that led to the modern day CIA.



George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger

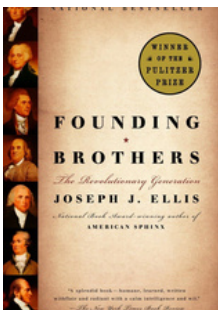
A reserved Quaker merchant, a tavern keeper, a brash young longshoreman, a curmudgeonly Long Island bachelor, a coffeehouse owner, and a mysterious woman who made up the secret six are finally revealed in this novel about the Culper Spy Ring.

Non-Fiction: Biography & Founding Fathers



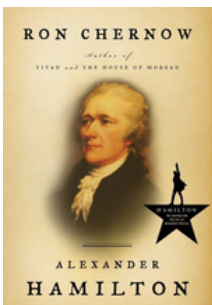
1776 by David McCullough

David McCullough tells the intensely human story of the Americans, farmers, schoolteachers, shoemakers, no-accounts, and boys turned soldiers who marched with General George Washington in the year of the Declaration of Independence.



Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation by Joseph J. Ellis

Discover how the group of greatly gifted but deeply flawed individuals - Hamilton, Burr, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Adams, and Madison - confronted the overwhelming challenges before them to set the course for our nation.



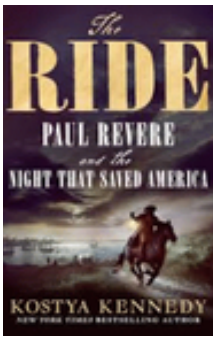
Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow

Ron Chernow tells the riveting story of a man who overcame all odds to shape, inspire, and scandalize the newborn America in this "robust full-length portrait" about one "of the most brilliant, charismatic, and dangerous founder(s) of them all."



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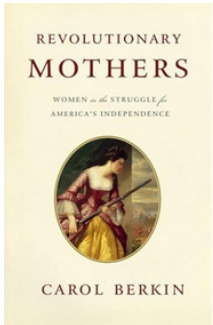
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The Ride: Paul Revere and the Night that Saved America

by Kostya Kennedy

This dramatic new narrative covers the events of April 18 and 19, 1775, informed by fresh research into archives, family letters and diaries, contemporary accounts, and more about Boston silversmith, engraver, and anti-British political operative Paul Revere.



Revolutionary Mothers by Carol Berkin

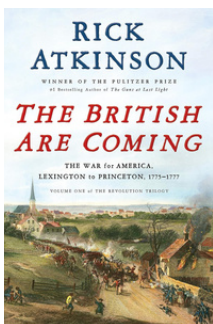
The American Revolution was a home-front war that brought scarcity, bloodshed, and danger into the life of every American. This comprehensive history illuminates women's contributions to the struggle for American independence while trying to maintain a modicum of normalcy as husbands, brothers, and fathers died.



Lafayette in the Somewhat United States by Sarah Vowell

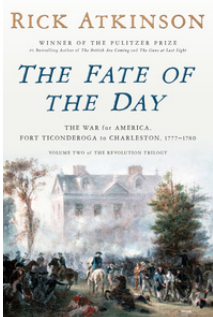
Vowell paints a portrait of a nation's idealism and its reality, with an insightful and unconventional account of George Washington's trusted officer and friend, the swashbuckling teenage French aristocrat the Marquis de Lafayette.

Non-Fiction: Military & Government



The British are Coming by Rick Atkinson

From the battles at Lexington and Concord in spring 1775 to those at Trenton and Princeton in Winter 1777, American militiaman and then the ragged Continental Army took on the world's most formidable fighting force. Full of details and untold stories, this novel is a tale of heroes and knaves, of sacrifice and blunder, and redemption and profound suffering.



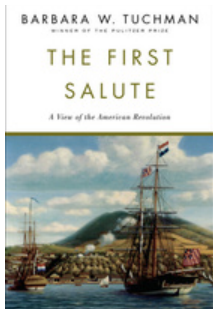
The Fate of the Day by Rick Atkinson

A riveting narrative covering the middle years of the Revolution, Atkinson's brilliant account of the lethal conflict between the Americans and the British offers deeply researched and spectacularly dramatic history with a new perspective on the demands that a democracy makes on its citizens.



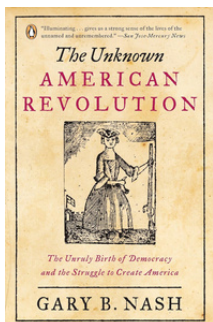
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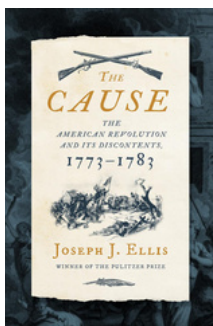
The First Salute by Barbara W. Tuchman

Placing the Revolution in the context of the centuries-long conflicts between England and both France and Holland, the author demonstrates how the aid to the American colonies of both these nations made the triumph of independence possible and sheds new light on the key role played by the contending navies, and recounts in riveting detail the decisive campaign of the war at Yorktown.



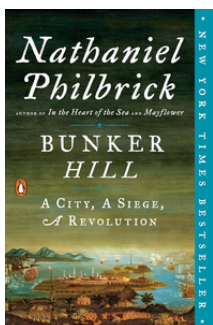
The Unknown American Revolution by Gary B. Nash

From millennialist preachers to enslaved Africans, disgruntled women to aggrieved Indians, the people so vividly portrayed in this book did not all agree or succeed, but during the messy years of this country's birth, they laid down ideas that have become part of our inheritance and ideals towards which we still strive today.



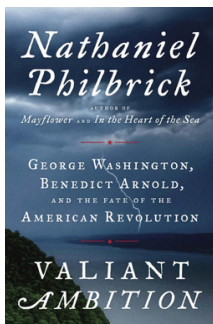
The Cause: The American Revolution and its Discontents, 1773-1783 by Joseph J. Ellis

A culminating work on the American Founding by one of its leading historians, *The Cause* rethinks the American Revolution as we have known it, taking a fresh look at the events between 1773 and 1783 and challenging the story we have long told ourselves about our origins and a people and a nation.



Bunker Hill by Nathaniel Philbrick

What lights the spark that ignites a revolution? What was it that, in 1775, provoked a group of merchants, farmers, artisans, and mariners in the American colonies to unite and take up arms against the British government in pursuit of liberty? Learn about the momentous beginnings of the American Revolution and the individuals who played a vital part in the early days of the conflict.



Valiant Ambition by Nathaniel Philbrick

Valiant Ambition is a complex, controversial and dramatic portrait of a people in crisis and the war that gave birth to a nation, covering a surprising account of the middle years of the American Revolution and the tragic relationship between George Washington and Benedict Arnold.



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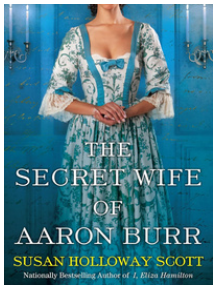
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Fiction: Historical Fiction



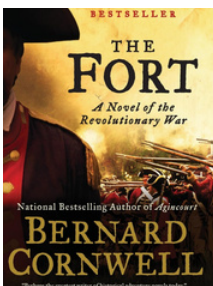
America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie

Based on true events, this novel reveals the untold story of Thomas Jefferson's eldest daughter, Martha "Patsy" Jefferson Randolph - a woman who kept the secrets of our most enigmatic founding father and shaped an American legacy.



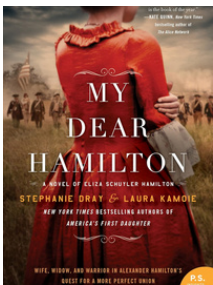
The Secret Wife of Aaron Burr by Susan Holloway Scott

Susan Holloway Scott weaves a tale of fact and fiction to share the forgotten story of notorious politician and Revolutionary War hero Aaron Burr, and Mary Emmons, the intelligent and strong handmade to Burr's wife, Theodosia.



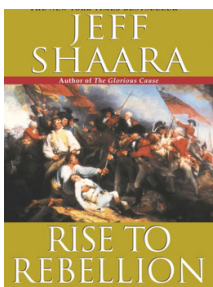
The Fort by Bernard Cornwell

Summer 1779. Seven hundred and fifty British soldiers and three small ships of the Royal Navy have overtaken the unfinished Fort George, until an order from the State of Massachusetts sends the rebel army to expel the British army and destroy their enemy in Maine.



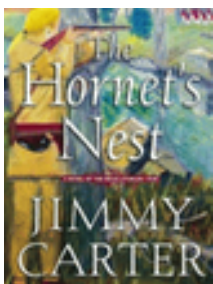
My Dear Hamilton by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie

Coming of age on the perilous frontier of revolutionary New York, Elizabeth Schuyler champions for the fight for independence. When she meets Alexander Hamilton, Washington's penniless but passionate aide-de-camp, she's captivated.



Rise to Rebellion by Jeff Shaara

This novel brings the American Revolution to life through the eyes of the most celebrated characters in American History, revealing how philosophers became fighters, ideas their ammunition, and how a scattered group of colonies became the United State of America.



The Hornet's Nest by Jimmy Carter

Set in the Deep South during the War for Independence, this novel follows the story of Southerners who end up on both sides of the international conflict.



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