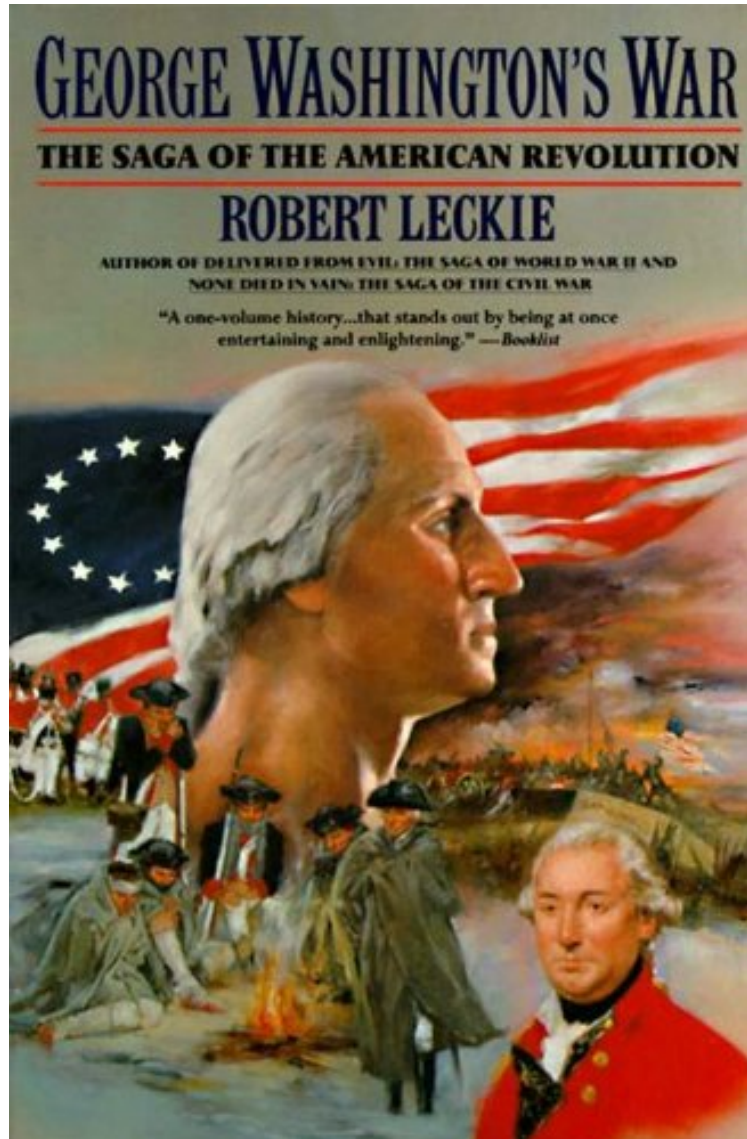


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**Von Robert Leckie : George Washington's War: The Saga of the American Revolution** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised George Washington's War: The Saga of the American Revolution:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent, very readable chronicle of the RevolutionVon J. MullinSome historians, such as Shelby Foote, have a natural ability to assimilate tremendous amounts of historical and biographical data, and weave it all into a very

approachable story that reads almost like a novel. Leckie has accomplished a similar feat with this book, which is the best book I have read on the American Revolution. Short on maps and without footnotes, the book nevertheless tells as complete a story as can be hoped for in a one volume account of the war, with excellent biographical sketches of many of the major and minor players such as Benedict Arnold, John Andre, John Burgoyne, Banastre Tarleton, Horatio Gates, Samuel Adams, and Nathaniel Greene, and countless others. He keeps the action in context, filling in readers with important contemporary details from the internal squabbling of the Continental Congress as well as British Parliament, without getting too bogged down in irrelevant detail. The passages about the treason of Arnold, and Arnold's tremendous military accomplishments and mistreatment by Congress leading up to his betrayal, were particularly riveting. There have been many books written about the Civil War, and most general readers with a passing interest in history (like myself) are familiar with most major Civil War battles and generals. However there is a dearth of knowledge and material about the battle for American independence. While we all know what happened at Yorktown, this book is suspenseful and will fill in the considerable gaps in our knowledge of this important time in the nation's history. I recommend this book with enthusiasm. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A lively, opinionated and fascinating book. Von Ein Kunde The book is well written and interesting to read. The sentence structure, grammar and vocabulary are strong, aimed at the intelligent layman. He does not refer to events or documents that assume the reader's understanding -- the book is self-contained in that respect. The maps are few and far between. Many battles or troop movements are not depicted graphically, making it difficult to get a clear picture of the action. Leckie has strong opinions about the character of various people, especially Gates, John Adams and Jefferson, all of whom he despises. His passion makes the subject matter quite vivid, but I am a bit uncomfortable with the strength of his opinions. It makes me feel that his overall credibility is suspect. He also gives his opinions about the military decisions which is one of the book's strengths and weaknesses -- saying an attack or a chosen position was idiotic adds spice to the narrative, but makes you wonder how well considered this opinion is, especially after reading a diatribe about what a coward and incompetent Gates is. He does both admire and criticize Washington, painting a detailed portrait of a general learning on the job. And his account of Benedict Arnold's able generalship early in the book makes his telling the story of his treason all the more riveting. All in all, it is a very informative and well written book that I highly recommend with the caveat that some of his unprofessional outbursts may be inappropriate. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Lucid Portrait of the American Revolution Von Ein Kunde This book provides a vivid history of the American Revolution. I was enthralled by it. Whereas many history books only state fact after fact, Leckie describes the war with brilliant detail as if it were occurring but a few days ago. I could almost feel the thoughts of the "Yankee Doodle" marching half-naked through the snow of Pennsylvania. His superb beginning with the Battle of Quebec up to the "shot heard around the world" was a fascinating hundred pages on the causes of the war. I enjoyed reading this book so much that I bought *Delivered from Evil*, *None Died in Vain* and *From Sea to Shining Sea*. his writing style makes history extremely enjoyable to read. In one of his other books he stated that he did not include footnotes or endnotes because he wanted his books to read like a narrative, though I wish he included endnotes to the source of his quotes, facts, etc. for cross-referencing. Other than that, this book was superb.

Kurzbeschreibung An exciting trip back in time to the American Revolution, "a reminder of what history can be when written by a master." -- Publishers Weekly From Publishers Weekly This fast-paced, vivid narrative enhances Leckie's reputation as a popular military historian ( *Delivered from Evil* ; *None Died in Vain* ). A storyteller in the tradition of Bruce Catton, he perceives the origins of the American Revolution in the colonists' increasingly pervasive drive for independence and describes the revolution's success as the consequence of American victories in battle. Leckie has high praise for the fighting men on both sides. The British adapted unfamiliar kinds of warfare; the Americans developed the endurance and discipline they needed to make good on their defiance of the crown. The work's principal strength, however, is its juxtaposition of colorful depictions of the war's principal figures with exciting accounts of the major campaigns. The book is a reminder of what history can be when written by a master. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus s Leckie ( *None Died in Vain*, 1990, etc.) retreads familiar terrain in lively style--in this retelling of the story of the American Revolution. Beginning with a recapitulation of the French and Indian War--which, though ending in British victory, represented the beginning of the end of the British empire in America--Leckie briskly recounts the well-known events leading to America's break with Britain and the military development of the war. In anecdotal biographical sketches, he draws vivid portraits of the war's principals: George III, George Washington, Thomas Gage, Lord Cornwallis, and Benedict Arnold, among others. Leckie summarizes the principal battles of the war--Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill, Washington's disastrous Long Island and Manhattan campaigns, his victories at Trenton, Princeton, Saratoga, and Yorktown--in lucid, workmanlike fashion. In superb depictions of the British leaders and of the British home front, he also adds details rarely found in popular American histories, and, unlike some historians, he doesn't neglect the southern war--the battles of Camden, Cowpens, and King's Mountain are covered as thoroughly as any. But although Leckie is a superior narrator of military and personal

dramas, he offers no particularly interesting interpretations of the war's events, and he limits his reflections on its aftermath to praising our constitutional government as "an ideal of perfection in representative government." Short on analysis, but, still, an enjoyable popular history. -- Copyright 1992, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.