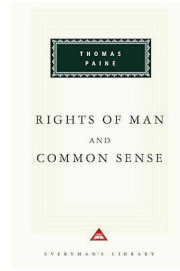


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Edward J. Larson

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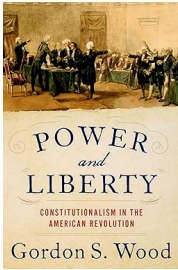


Rights of Man and Common Sense

Thomas Paine

Paine's Common Sense is widely credited with spurring the colonists to separate from Great Britain and paving the way for independence. Rights of Man argues for a government that protects individual rights.

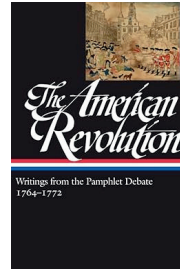
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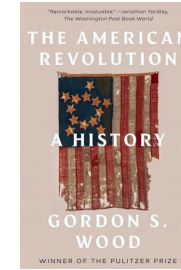
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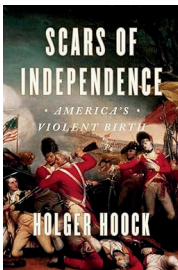
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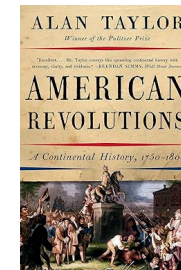


Scars of Independence

Holger Hoock

Hoock investigates the internal struggles and violence between American patriots and loyalists.

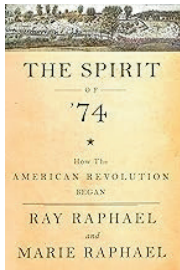
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American Revolutions: A Continental History 1750 - 1804

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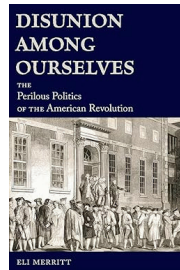
Taylor reframes the American Revolution as a complex, continent-wide conflict, not just a war between American colonists and Britain, highlighting the violence, division, and conflicting visions that characterized the era.



The Spirit of 74: How the American Revolution Began

Ray Raphael

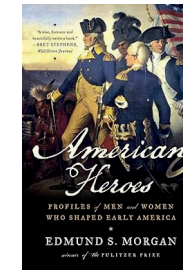
Raphael focuses on the sixteen months between the Boston Tea Party and "the shot heard 'round the world" and shows how in this time, step by step, real people made a revolution.



Disunion Among Ourselves: The Perilous Politics of the American Revolution

Eli Merritt

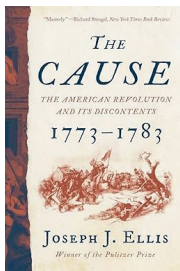
Merritt explores the deep political divisions and regional conflicts that threatened to tear apart the American union by detailing the Continental Congress's disagreements over borders, resources, and the balance of power.



American Heroes: Profiles of Men and Women Who Shaped Early America

Edmund S. Morgan

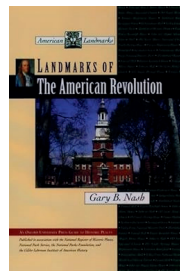
Morgan celebrates the lives and principles of ordinary Americans before the Revolution, and then considers the legacy of several of the most prominent colonial and Revolutionary leaders.



The Cause: The American Revolution and Its Discontents, 1773-1783

Joseph J. Ellis

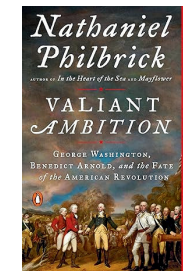
Ellis gives an account of the complex, often brutal, realities of the war through the eyes of diverse groups that unite for independence, and how their unifying cause ultimately foreshadowed future American conflicts.



Landmarks of the American Revolution

Gary B. Nash

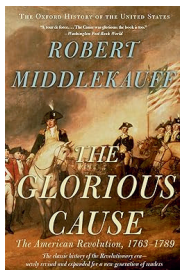
Nash presents diverse groups' perspectives centered around fourteen key historical sites to explore the varied social dynamics and the radical, "bottom-up" nature of the American Revolution.



Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution

Nathaniel Philbrick

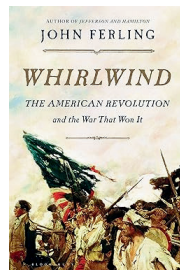
Philbrick recounts the messy middle years of the American Revolution, and the tragic relationship of George Washington and Benedict Arnold.



The Glorious Cause: The American Revolution, 1763-1789

Robert Middlekauff

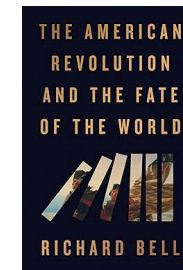
Beginning with the French and Indian War and continuing to the election of George Washington as first president, Middlekauff highlights the drama and anguish of the colonial struggle for independence.



Whirlwind: The American Revolution and the War That Won It

John E. Ferling

Ferling covers the American Revolution from the end of the French and Indian War to the final British departure from New York City by balancing social and political issues with military history.



The American Revolution and the Fate of the World

Richard Bell

Bell reevaluates the American Revolution as a significant global event that reshaped political landscapes and influenced movements for liberty worldwide, making it a "world war in all but name."