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From GCA nominated author, Katlyn Charlesworth, comes a brand new historical fiction novel addressing one of history's famously anonymous contributors.

In the heart of the American Revolution, General George Washington must take drastic measures to ensure his freshly-forged nation's independence. In the summer of 1778, he establishes an underground espionage circle whose sole purpose is to uncover vital information from behind enemy lines—a circle known only as The Culper Ring. The members who make up the Ring are some of New York's finest loyalist gentlemen, associating under the guise of elaborate code names. However, in August of 1779, a new manner of member is initiated. Her name is Julia Woodhull—known only as Agent 355 to her compatriots. In mere months, she becomes instrumental to the Ring's reap of rival information, but her greatest mission is yet to come. Under Washington's orders, Julia must infiltrate the fortified military base of West Point and obtain concrete evidence to incriminate General Benedict Arnold as a conspirator, double agent, and traitor to the United States of America... An assignment that may cost her nation its future, if not her own life.

Seeped in what little-known historical evidence there still survives regarding the real, unidentified Agent 355, **THE PATRIOT'S DAUGHTER** is a thrilling novel of intrigue, passion, and espionage, detailing how far one must go for liberty, and the often-fatal price of unyielding patriotism.

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Kaity says

I won 'The Patriot's Daughter' in a giveaway and I am so grateful I did!! I finished it in the span of three hours because I was immersed into the story and history from the beginning to end! As lover of history, especially the American Revolution, this book was truly a treat! The author did such an amazing job creating the story of Julia Woodhull, the supposed Agent 355. She was such a likable and admirable character, and I was cheering her on throughout her entire mission! Some parts even made me anxious, as I did not know what would be her fate. Everything was very much believable and I learned quite a lot about the history of the Revolution, and the complexity of Washington's espionage, The Culper Ring.

The book is written wonderfully, with a lot of detail that is quite fascinating to imagine in ones mind. I very much enjoyed this book and am now even more interested in The Culper Ring and Agent 355. For those that enjoy history, this is a must read! Amazing!

Shainna says

I tried not to be too nitpicky because all historical fiction takes artistic license and liberties, but in the end, this book didn't work for me.

If it had been longer, maybe I would have enjoyed it. As it was, the pacing was rushed and the characterization minimal. The character growth was minimal if present at all. If it had been longer, maybe these issues would have been fixed.

As for the history, there are a lot of facts that are just plain wrong. And yes, it is fiction, but it does not make any sense that Washington would be the one to bring charges of treason against Benedict Arnold and then, when cleared, give him the command of West Point. It wasn't Washington who brought charges against Arnold and the charges were not about treason, but rather of abusing his power. If the charges had been of treason, Washington would not have assigned Arnold to West Point, acquittal or no acquittal.

Several times, the Continentals/Americans are referred to as "Loyalists" when in fact that is a term for the pro-British or Tories. In its first usage, it appears Abraham Woodhull uses the term for a British sympathizer but later it's constantly used to mean American/Continental.

A lot of the action involving Washington takes place in New York - a place Washington would not have access to, given that it was quickly taken by the British.

The information about the Culper Ring is hit and miss. While the code is used quite often, its origin is erroneously credited to Robert Townsend. In fact, Benjamin Tallmadge created it. Townsend and Woodhull would not have met with Washington, that would have blown their cover. They would not have made plans with him, that would have been Tallmadge's job.
