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How a young general shaped a nation -- a fascinating account of George Washington as he faced a war and came out as America's first president

The American Revolution was won not on the battlefields, but through the mind of George Washington. One of America's founding fathers, Washington's story is one that influenced how our entire nation was built. A compulsively readable narrative and extensive history, *George Washington's War* illuminates how during the war's winter months the young general created a new model of leadership that became the model for the American presidency.

Through hardships, loss, and the brutal conditions of war, Washington led his men with cunning and grace, demonstrating the strong and endearing qualities that led him to become America's most beloved patriot.

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Richard says

Gives interesting insight into the mind, habits, strategy and work ethic of the Commander and Chief George Washington during the eight years of the revolutionary war.

Leeann Toone says

I enjoyed reading this book. It had family history and personal information about George Washington. Instead of giving a battle by battle review of the war, Chadwick showed how specific experiences shaped George Washington as a General and our first President.

Elderberrywine says

An amazing book and an amazing man.

I thought I knew my Am. History 101, but this was eye-opening. I especially was interested in how his experiences as General informed his idea of what the job of a President needed to be.

So many intriguing tidbits, such as the fact that he was, at the end of the day, a farmer, which gave him the edge time and time again. He always knew when snow was coming, when the roads would ice over. Something regarding which the British generals were, of course, clueless. Worked out to his advantage time and time again.

Brad Hart says

What a pathetic book! I have read two books by Bruce Chadwick, which is enough to last a lifetime. I have no idea how this moron got published. I would NEVER recommend any of his books to anyone. They are not even worthy of toilet paper!

Katie Logan says

I read this book because I wanted to educate myself about the history of America, particularly the founding fathers. I was expecting it to be a history of the Revolutionary War. I was wrong, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. Instead of recounting battles on the field, Chadwick analyzes battles off the field, especially during the hard winters of the Revolutionary War, and outlines how Washington dealt with the

challenges posed by starvation, exposure, epidemics, unfriendly civilians, and a unresponsive Congress helped shaped him into the first President of America.

I really enjoyed the book and learned a lot. The only criticisms I have are that Chadwick LOVES Washington (although it's hard not to) and therefore the book read as a bit biased, and that it is a bit repetitive as it seems he was dealing with the same issues and learning the same lessons over and over.

Mandy says

An excellent book written by a well informed historian!

Evan Sobel says

I felt this was an informative book that gave a lot of insight behind a man up until this point and unfortunately did not know much about. It talked about some things about the Revolutionary War that I didn't know and I'm now looking forward to reading more about this crucial time in the history of this country.

Coleen Dailey says

I very much enjoyed this book. At first I thought it would be about the battles and long reviews of battle strategies. Instead it turned out to be about things that happened during the war especially in the winter camps that forged ideas about how things in government should be done. What Washington had to do in those camps - deal with Congress, governors, soldiers, communities, foreign diplomats that gave him the basis to handle those jobs as president and to create long lasting precedents that presidents still use today.

Peter says

One of the better histories of Washington's role in the Revolutionary War. Convincingly argues that without Washington, we would very likely still be an English colony today. Absorbing read!

Ross says

Basically this is a detailed biography of Washington focusing on his war years with about 20% devoted to his 8 years in the presidency.
This is a must read for all with a strong interest in U.S. history. There was a lot detailed material about his war years that I was not aware of and I have read a great deal of U.S. history

The author is a great fan of Washington and clearly makes the case he is truly the Father of Our Country. He is also therefore one of the greatest men in history because of the importance of the U.S. in the successful development of a prosperous world and the winning of two world wars which would otherwise have led to disaster. Without Washington there might well have been no U.S. to save the world twice.

Kannon Brockert-Kress says

My favorite account of our nations first leader

Dan says

It's a great way to learn about the fascinating skills George Washington possessed. He was a very well-rounded leader, community builder, and motivator. The book describes his campaign through the Revolutionary Way in a very interesting manner, it's fun to read.
