

Synopsis

The bestselling Politically Incorrect Guide series provides an unvarnished, unapologetic overview of controversial topics every American should understand. The Politically Incorrect Guide to the American Revolution is a myth-busting review of the America's violent struggle for independence.

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Customer Reviews

Larry Schweikart is a professor of history at the University of Dayton and the author of many other books, including A Patriot's History of the Modern World.

Great overview of the battles and narrative from the founding fathers of our country, but the publisher failed to highlight the battles and major events with larger type to make it easier to use the book as a tool for research and personal enjoyment. Overall I'd give it a thumbs-up...

Very good and very detailed battle plans.

Informational and easy to read

great read

"The Politically Incorrect Guide to The American Revolution: Making America Great (in the First Place)" by Larry Schweikart and Dave Dougherty; July 2017, large paperback, 324pp. The authors are conservative historians who rebuke the 1990-era effort of Marxist historians in trying to denigrate the 1776 American Revolution as a class-conflict war of "Rich men controlling the government as the poor fought the battles". The authors pondered: "why was the American Revolution successful while other 1820-era revolutions failed throughout Europe and Latin America?" The authors argue well that: "The United States is unique, exceptional American exceptionalism rests on four pillars found nowhere else ... 1) a Protestant religious foundation; 2) the common law, 3) private property with written titles and deeds; and 4) a free market economy" (p. 3). No need here to recount the entire history of the hundred-year-long development of the various pre-1776 colonial governments, and although the authors give some brief pre-1776 history of the American colonies in trying to form a few loose-confederation assemblies, I do believe that the authors could have covered better the significance of how the colonialists did elect their local assemblies over many years (something that was lacking in almost all other revolutions around the world) -- and thereby better prepared the U.S. for a long-term democracy. After a brief 40 pages (okay, about 10% of the book) in discussing the unpopular British taxations (without representation), the authors quickly begin their review of the battles of the Revolution. While I thought I knew much about the American Revolution, I learned a lot of new historical tidbits that I had not encountered before. While American history has touted the role of the voluntary American militiaman, the authors do opine that the largely untrained militiaman didn't fare very well in battle against their much better trained British counterpart. To this point, the authors provide "Report Cards" with A-through-F grades for both British & American battle-leaders (and their units) as to how well they conducted themselves during some battle. After all of the battles, the authors in their concluding chapter: "The After Rebellions" review how the 1790s was still a difficult era in the consolidation of a stable federal government. This book primarily concerns itself with describing the various military battles that were engaged in during the war; the battles are not described in great detail like "platoon A advanced along the hillside to company E's area", but more just brief details how the overall forces lined up for battle -- and the outcome. Not a detailed West Point-school analysis. There is virtually little discussion regarding how the individual colonies were stingy in funding the Continental Army/Congress. There is little info regarding the political disputes occurring within the individual state assemblies pertaining to "big" vs. "little" government policies. For more detail regarding some crucial mini-subject, the authors provide throughout the book numerous blurbs touting: "A

Book/Article/Speech.that you are not supposed to read."One unusual aspect to this book is that the authors felt the urge to suggest a couple of times that some "Divine Providence (God)" must have infrequently favored the Americans during some battle/incident -- the favorable incident just can't be written off as some "luck" on the part of the Americans (p.12). Fortunately, this viewpoint was seldom opined so it really doesn't really detract from their book.Overall, an easy read, but very thoughtful book in detailing well the American Revolution. I highly recommend it.

Wow. I can't believe this book. A captivating novel of the truths behind the American Revolution. Larry Schweikart + Dave Dougherty is like the dream team of Batman and Robin but better. I read it in under an hour and read it again in another 2 hours (I took my time). This book had me at the edge of my seat. 10/10 would not recommend reading at work because I got fired after spending 3 hours AT THE LITERAL EDGE OF MY SEAT. But hey, at least now that I'm unemployed I can read this awesome book in all of the free time I will have.

Great read! Entertaining, responsive, and to the point!

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