

HISTORY



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May's Topic: The American Revolution

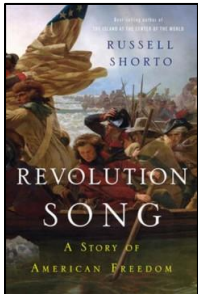
Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 26th, 2026 at 6:30pm

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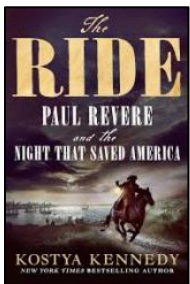
More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable.

Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the **American Revolution**. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:

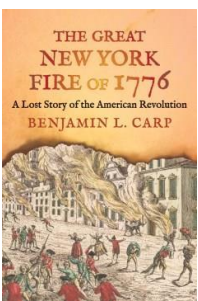


[Revolution Song: A Story of American Freedom](#) by Russell Shorto – NONFICTION HISTORY WARS AMERICAN REVOLUTION Shorto; [eAudio](#) via Libby* and [Hoopla](#)*
In his epic new book, Shorto takes us back to the founding of the American nation, drawing on diaries, letters and autobiographies to flesh out six lives that cast the era in a fresh new light. A powerful narrative and a brilliant defense of American values, *Revolution Song* makes the compelling case that the American Revolution is still being fought today and that its ideals are worth defending.



[The Ride: Paul Revere and the Night that Saved America](#) by Kostya Kennedy – NONFICTION HISTORY WARS AMERICAN REVOLUTION Kennedy; [eBook](#) & [eAudio](#) via Libby*

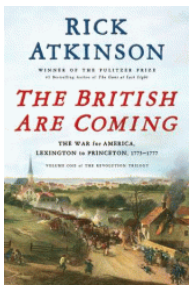
In *The Ride*, Kostya Kennedy presents a dramatic new narrative of the events of April 18 and 19, 1775, informed by fresh primary and secondary source research into archives, family letters and diaries, contemporary accounts, and more. Kennedy reveals Revere's ride to be more complex than it is usually portrayed—a coordinated series of rides by numerous men, near-disaster, capture by British forces, and finally success. Thrillingly written in a dramatic, unstoppable narrative, *The Ride* re-tells an essential American story for a new generation of readers.



[The Great New York Fire of 1776: A Lost Story of the American Revolution](#) by Benjamin L. Carp – NONFICTION HISTORY WARS AMERICAN REVOLUTION Carp; [eAudio](#) via Hoopla*

New York City, the strategic center of the Revolutionary War, was the most important place in North America in 1776. That summer, an unruly rebel army under George Washington repeatedly threatened to burn the city rather than let the British take it. Shortly after the Crown's forces took New York City, much of it mysteriously burned to the ground. This is the first book to fully explore the Great Fire of 1776 and why its origins remained a mystery even after the British investigated it in 1776 and 1783.

Uncovering stories of espionage, terror, and radicalism, Benjamin L. Carp paints a vivid picture of the chaos, passions, and unresolved tragedies that define a historical moment.

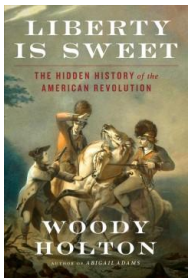


The British are Coming : The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775-1777

by Rick Atkinson – NONFICTION HISTORY WARS AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Atkinson; [eAudio](#) & [eBook](#) via Libby*; [eAudio via Hoopla](#)*

From the battles at Lexington and Concord in spring 1775 to those at Trenton and Princeton in winter 1777, the ragtag Continental Army took on the world's most formidable fighting force. Atkinson introduces us to the war for America, and shows it is populated by astonishing characters who were heroes and knaves, who made sacrifices and blunders. He shows us the war through British eyes-- and gunsights-- too, making the mortal conflict between the redcoats and the rebels all the more compelling.



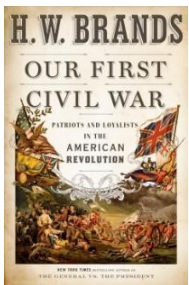
Liberty is Sweet: The Hidden History of the American Revolution by Woody

Holton – NONFICTION HISTORY WARS AMERICAN REVOLUTION Holton; [eAudio](#)

via Hoopla*

Holton describes the origins and crucial battles of the Revolution from Lexington and Concord to the British surrender at Yorktown, always focusing on marginalized Americans—enslaved Africans and African Americans, Native Americans, women, and dissenters—and on overlooked factors such as weather, North America's unique geography, chance, misperception, attempts to manipulate public opinion, and (most

of all) disease. *Liberty Is Sweet* is a "must-read book for understanding the founding of our nation" (Walter Isaacson, author of Benjamin Franklin), from its origins on the frontiers and in the Atlantic ports to the creation of the Constitution.



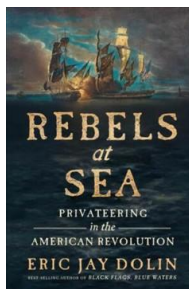
Our First Civil War: Patriots and Loyalists in the American Revolution by H.W.

Brands – NONFICTION HISTORY WARS AMERICAN REVOLUTION Brands; [eAudio](#)

via Libby*

What causes people to forsake their country and take arms against it? George Washington in the 1770s stood at the apex of Virginia society. Benjamin Franklin was more successful still, having risen from humble origins to world fame. John Adams revered the law. Yet all three men became rebels against the British Empire that fostered their success. Others in the same circle of family and friends chose differently--

and soon heard themselves denounced as traitors. Brands reminds us that before America could win its revolution against Britain, the Patriots had to win a bitter civil war against family, neighbors, and friends.

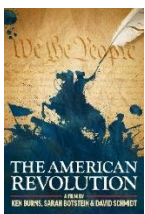


Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution by Eric Jay Dolin –

NONFICTION HISTORY WARS AMERICAN REVOLUTION Dolin

The heroic story of the founding of the U.S. Navy during the Revolution has been told before, yet missing from most maritime histories of America's first war is the ragtag fleet of private vessels, from 20-foot whaleboats to 40-cannon men-of-war. Abounding with tales of daring maneuvers and deadly encounters, *Rebels at Sea* presents the American Revolution as we have rarely seen it before.

Video:



The American Revolution by Ken Burns – via PBS

Thirteen American colonies unite in rebellion, win an eight-year war to secure their independence, and establish a new form of government that would inspire democratic movements at home and around the globe. What begins as a political clash between colonists and the British government grows into a bloody struggle that will engage more than two dozen nations and forever change the world.

Podcasts:



World's Turned Upside Down by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media

Worlds Turned Upside Down tells the story of the American Revolution as a transatlantic crisis and imperial civil war through the lives of people who experienced it. *Worlds* is written and narrated by Jim Ambuske, and executive produced by Jeanette Patrick.

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