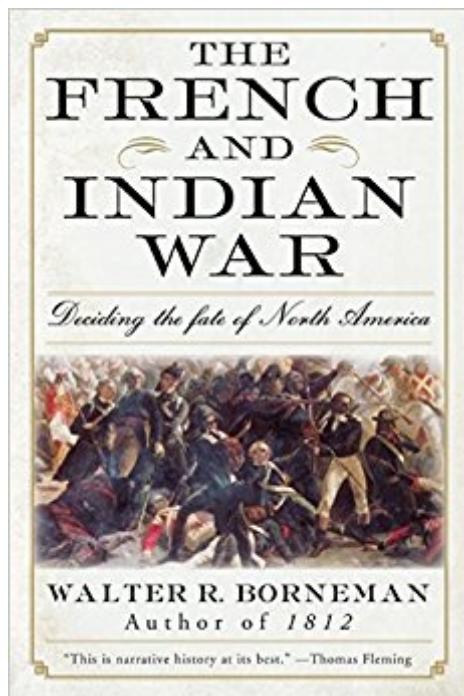


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The French And Indian War: Deciding The Fate Of North America



Synopsis

In the summer of 1754, deep in the wilderness of western Pennsylvania, a very young George Washington suffered his first military defeat, and a centuries-old feud between Great Britain and France was rekindled. The war that followed would be fought across virgin territories, from Nova Scotia to the forks of the Ohio River, and it would ultimately decide the fate of the entire North American continent—not just for Great Britain and France but also for the Spanish and Native American populations. Noted historian Walter R. Borneman brings to life an epic struggle for a continent—what Samuel Eliot Morison called "truly the first world war"—and emphasizes how the seeds of discord sown in its aftermath would take root and blossom into the American Revolution.

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Starred Review. Borneman offers an excellent general-audience version of Fred Anderson's *Crucible of War* (2000), the definitive academic history of the mid-18th-century French and Indian War and its long-term consequences for America and the world. Drawing on a broad spectrum of primary and secondary sources, Borneman (*1812: The War That Forged a Nation*) argues that the French and Indian War not only made Britain master of North America but created an empire that dominated the world for two centuries. What began in the Ohio Valley in 1755 as the local defeat of a small force under Gen. Edwin Braddock escalated into what legitimately merits designation as the First World War. Borneman connects that complex conflict in North America with events in the Caribbean, Europe and Asia. Although the Native Americans were "the real losers" in

the war for their continent, they offered formidable resistance to a developing European hegemony. But the English colonials' discomfiture overshadowed Native Americans', as the settlers were expected to help finance the war but were denied its fruits by being forbidden to claim land west of the Appalachians. Britain's victory in the French and Indian War thus lit the kindling for the American Revolution. (Nov.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Author of 1812: The War That Forged a Nation (2004), Borneman acknowledges that his new topic has already been thoroughly covered by Fred Anderson's magisterial Crucible of War (2000). Accordingly, Borneman presents a popular military account of the war's campaigns and battles that prunes back on detail. On paper, New France didn't stand a chance against the far more populous British colonies. Yet its forces inflicted numerous defeats on American militia and British regulars until subdued by the conquest of Quebec and Montreal in 1759-60. Borneman's battle narratives incorporate factors that benefited the French, such as adaptability to forest warfare and support from Indian allies, who understood that Americans posed a greater menace to their future than the French. Introducing the war's prominent commanders, from Edward Braddock to Montcalm to Pontiac, Borneman keeps a respectful eye on the war's bloody cost as he fluently acquaints readers with its strategic course. Gilbert TaylorCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The French and Indian War names the two losers in this war. From this war the victorious kingdom of Great Britain became the British Empire. We usually think of Braddock's march towards Fort Duquesne and Wolfe attacking Montcalm at Quebec during this war. However, there is also John Bradstreet's attack on Fort Frontenac on the shores of Lake Ontario, the battles in the Lake George and Lake Champlain area of New York state, the battles for Fort Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, Canada, along with numerous other conflicts that made up what was known as the Seven Years War in Europe which really lasted nine years. One definite strength of this book is the many maps which were placed in the appropriate chapters to illustrate exactly where the events took place. The lack of such maps in other books I've read on various subjects has been frustrating. The real losers in this war, of course, were the Native Americans. Regardless of which side won the war they would lose their land. England's victory in this war lit the spark for the American Revolution to follow, and it was the defeated France that assisted America to defeat England in America's revolution. Former Harvard historian Samuel Eliot Morison called the French and Indian War the first

World War. It was, indeed, global in nature. The fate of William Pitt, Jeffery Amherst, Robert Rogers, Chief Pontiac, and other key participants is also covered. The book is 308 pages long, and there are a lot of names to keep track of. My knowledge of this war and its importance to future events in America were definitely increased with this reading. Stick with it to the end. It is worth it.

Well written, easy to read, will thoroughly educate you on a war that not only set the stage for the War of Independence, but arguably of the two World Wars as well! If you watched and enjoyed Daniel Day Lewis' *Last of the Mohicans* and want to learn more about that time, this is your book!

It gives great perspective to the event, and introduces us to the players of the "Northwest Indian War" and the war of 1812..

Outstanding book. An exciting, well-written history and very easy to follow. I pride myself on knowing as much as the next history major about America's past, but I learned a lot of new information. Recommend highly!

Good history of the F & I war., one of Americas "First" wars!

Often a book on such a subject as the French and Indian War can be interesting; but dry. I found this book interesting enough to look forward to reading it at every opportunity. The French and Indian War played a major role in the future of the French in North America and set the stage for our own Revolution. As mentioned in the book, it was also a turning point for the Native Americans East of the Mississippi. There may be books that go into more depth than this book. I found Borneman's coverage and use of maps gave me enough information and kept my interest.

Author is perfect for this part of history. This book couldn't have been written better!

Author does a great job of infusing personality into the characters which brings alive the story of the of the war and related events. Additionally, the pre-war and post-war narrative helps clarify the political issues relating to this war.

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