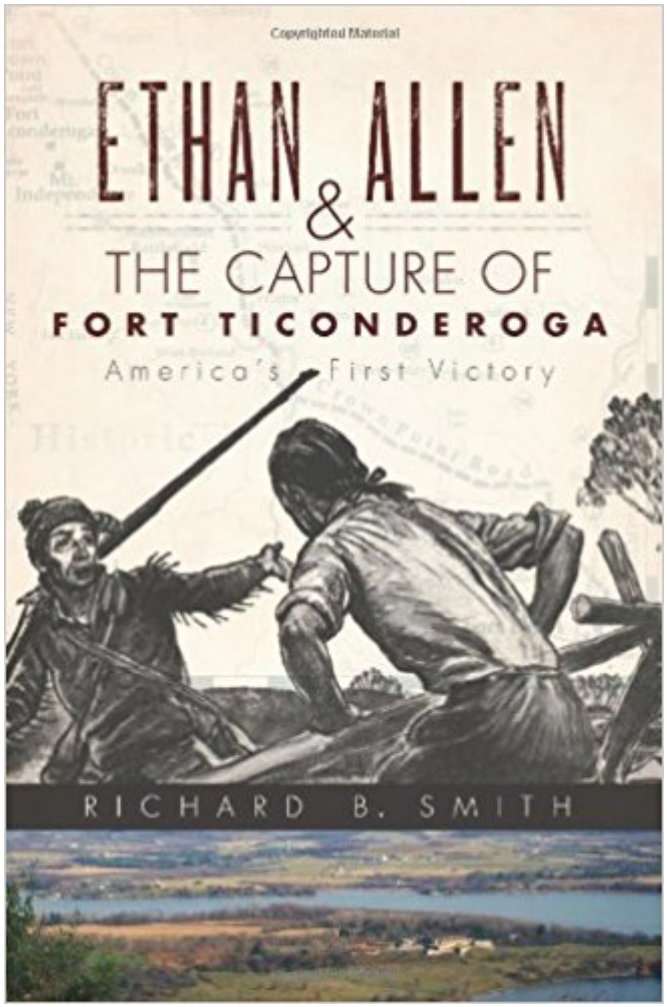
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Ethan Allen & The Capture Of Fort Ticonderoga: America's First Victory



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Synopsis

In April 1775, a small band of men set out from Hartford and traveled swiftly north toward the shore of Lake Champlain, recruiting men to their expedition along the way. Within only a few days, this loyal group of volunteers arrived in Vermont and, joining forces with Ethan Allen and his legendary Green Mountain Boys, launched a daring attack to capture more than one hundred cannons stored at Fort Ticonderoga. In this comprehensive look at "America’s First Victory," Richard Smith traces the Patriots’ route from Connecticut, through the towns of western Massachusetts and the Berkshire hills and north to Bennington, Vermont, and Lake Champlain. He chronicles the rival expedition led by Benedict Arnold, his confrontation with Allen and the surprise attack that changed the course of the American Revolution.

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Customer Reviews

Richard Smith’s travels throughout the world spurred an appreciation and interest in history. This fascination with history led to his creating historical maps and self-guided history tours that have been published and distributed throughout the Northeast. Dick’s previous book, The Revolutionary War in Bennington County: A History & Guide, has been on several bestseller lists. He earned degrees in engineering and management from Lehigh University and an advanced degree in economics from Columbia University. He is a trustee of the Vermont Historical Society and president of the Manchester Historical Society. He resides in Manchester, Vermont, with his wife, Sharon.

This is a great travel guide. The writing is breezy and the story telling dramatic. Lots of maps and GPS coordinates for major locations makes self-guided touring very convenient. I can just imagine a navigator reading from the book while a driver heads to the next place mentioned. And I think that's exactly how the author intends his book to be used. Historical touring is his business and the book uses heavy stock so it won't fall apart under the rougher handling of a road trip.Unfortunately, the description wasn't clear on that, at least to me. I bought the book as a historical and genealogical reference.The book doesn't use citations or number references, although there's a lengthy bibliography. (Confusingly, there's at least one source mentioned in the text that's not in the bibliography, although loosely referenced as a "general note.") The lack of specific references means that there's no guidance for additional research. And while not all popular history writing includes citations/references, this book has a number of minor errors, which don't detract from a tour book, but raise doubts about a history. I was also frustrated to discover that many (most?) of the names in the book arenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t in the index, including people mentioned often and throughout the story.Additionally, the history isn't nuanced. The very complex Ethan Allen is all-good, Vermont is good and NY is bad, and all the action was about fighting tyranny. The simplicity makes for a more exciting story, which is fitting for a travel book (or a high school history book). But it doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t allow for more than a superficial understanding of history.

Adds info to what I've been studying, well presented.

Satisfied

very pleased

Very interesting history

This is an historically accurate adventure account which shows the depth, charisma and character of Ethan Allen. It details how he secretly gathered forces from all parts of New England and successfully carried out the capture of Fort Ticonderoga.

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