

## THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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It was a *war* which started on April 19, 1775, when the minutemen of Lexington and Concord fired on the British Redcoats from Boston.

But in the minds and hearts of the American people it was a *revolution* which began—John Adams said—fifteen years before a drop of blood was shed.

Here is the complete and thrilling story of both the war and the revolution, the quarter of a century that transformed thirteen quarrelsome English colonies into a new nation, the United States of America. Here are the causes of the war, defined with graphic clarity. Here is a down-to-earth picture of Colonial economics. Here are the founding fathers, portrayed life-size, struggling toward the common agreement expressed in the Declaration of Independence. And here, above all, is the inspiring battlefield narrative—including a detailed account of every important action from Lexington to Yorktown.

Events are viewed, as they should be, within the larger framework of European history. English parliamentary affairs become as vivid as George Washington's troubles earning money as a Virginia planter. The importance of the French alliance is as clear as the steadfast quality of General Washington's leadership.

*The American Revolution* is a book that will excite the enthusiasm of every young reader—and make him very proud.

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