

PETER STUYVESANT OF OLD NEW YORK

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Thirty-eight years after Henry Hudson, in 1609, first sailed the *Half Moon* up the majestic river named for him, Governor Peter Stuyvesant arrived in New Amsterdam harbor. For the next eighteen years he helped the Dutch colony grow.

Anna and Russel Crouse give the reader a dramatic picture of the peg-legged Governor. And they tell of life in the little settlement from sun-up to when the *kloppermann* called out the hours of the night.

Then in 1664 the English came with a fleet and Peter Stuyvesant had to surrender. New Amsterdam was renamed New York.

His last years Stuyvesant lived on the farm he loved—*bouwerie*, as the Dutch called it. And there he lies buried, in the small chapel in New York City where St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie now stands.

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