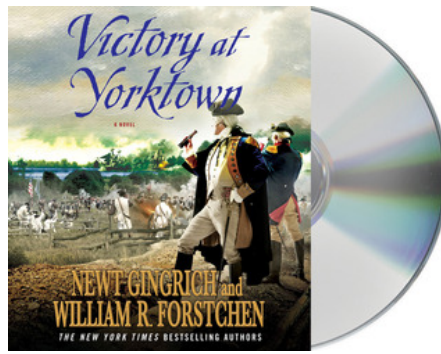




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New York Times bestselling authors Newt Gingrich's and William R. Forstchen's George Washington series continues-a novel about faith, leadership, and the triumph of the American cause

It is 1781, and Washington and his army have spent three years in a bitter stalemate, engaging in near constant skirmishing against the British. The enemy position in New York City is too strong, all approaches blocked by the Royal Navy. At last, two crucial reports reach Washington. The first is that the French have briefly committed a fleet to the American coast. The second is that British General Cornwallis, driven to distraction by protracted warfare in the Carolinas, has withdrawn into Yorktown. Washington decides to embark on one of the most audacious moves in American military history. He will force-march nearly his entire army south more than three hundred miles, in complete secrecy, counting on a blockade of the Chesapeake Bay by the French navy, fall upon Cornwallis, and capture his entire force. It is a campaign laden with "ifs" but the stalemate must be broken, otherwise America, after six long years of war, will crumble.

Sgt. Peter Wellsley must pave the way for the army, neutralizing any loyalists who might provide warning. On the other side, Allen Van Dorn receives reports from civilians that something is afoot and is tasked to find out what. As Wellsley moves to block any leaks, Van Dorn tries to penetrate the screen. When one of the former friends is captured, both must decide where their true loyalties lie during the heat of the Battle of Yorktown, as Washington's professional army, once a "rabble in arms," executes the war's most decisive contest.

With *Victory at Yorktown*, critically acclaimed authors Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen have reached the pinnacle of their talents in a tour de force narrative of one of America's most important heroes.

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happy says

While I give this book 4 stars, it is because of rounding. If I could give partial stars it would be somewhere between a 3.5 to 3.75

It begins the day before the hanging of the British Major John Andre (of Benedict Arnold fame) and the authors cover the intel war between Washington and the British. The two major fictional characters are both in charge of intel for their respective sides. This seems to one of the major themes of the book. The authors also send one of the major characters to South Carolina/North Carolina to be with Greene at Gilford Courthouse. The scene then shifts back to New York and the worry about what to do with Cornwallis and will the French Fleet finally stir out of Rhode Island.

The Washington Gingrich and Fortchen portray is a man who has very tight control of his emotions and a very strict idea of what the image of Commanding General should be. At the same time they portray a man who is about at his wits end and realizes that if the French fleet does not come through and complete the blockade at Yorktown, he could very well lose the war.

In spite of its title, the Battle of Yorktown is not the focus of the book. In fact it doesn't start until the last 100 pages or so and most of it takes place "off screen" so to speak. IMO this is mainly about the relationship between Washington and the French.

Even though the fictional characters are the same as the previous two books in the trilogy I didn't find their stories as well written or as compelling in this entry.

Deidrah says

I read quite a few reviews when I first started this book. There were so many condemning the quality of the writing that I was not looking forward to it. I would love to know what they were talking about. I enjoyed it thoroughly. Not my usual genre or favorite historical period in American history, I was engaged by the characters and I learned a lot of things (and yes, I verified many of them through other sources. This is, after all, a novel). I will be the first to admit that I am not a historian but I am a voracious reader of both fiction and non-fiction. This book was well written (there were a couple of bumps but not enough to pull me out of the story) and I honestly don't get what the critics were talking about. If you like historical fiction, and even if you aren't a huge fan of it, this book is worth a second look. You may be surprised.

Matthew Cassidy says

Very well written, with accurate historical context

Diana Long says

This work is part of a series, possibly the final book. I have some knowledge of the American Revolution

and was familiar with most of the content in the story but presented in this way, as a Historical Fiction the authors have given voices to the many who made history. I was entertained and deeply moved at times. Well done.

C.G. Faulkner says

‘Victory at Yorktown’, by Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen. Published 2012. Three and ½ Stars out of Four.

This book was an enjoyable work of historical fiction set during the final year of the American Revolution. It features several engaging fictional characters from both the Continental as well as the British side, along with the historical titans of the time, most prominently, the Father of our Country, General George Washington. Well written and informative, it gives insight into the motivations and sometimes conflicting alliances of the Patriots and Loyalists. It is Part 3 in a series by the authors about the War for Independence, and I plan on finding the first two books to read as well.

A few of my favorite quotes from the novel:

‘This was a different army than any of this age. Men of the British, French, and especially Hessian and Prussian ranks would have been flogged unmercifully for such effrontery, but this army? In part this was what these men were fighting for. Army discipline or not, it was the freedom of speech, the freedom to be heard...’

And:

‘For this day, the world had, indeed, been turned upside down. “A rabble in arms” of free citizens, with but a handful of them ever trained for war, had risen up in defense of their rights as free men, had finally triggered a global war as a result, lost countless battles, but always kept coming back for more. Now at this very moment, before them, humbled and humiliated, would pass the finest infantry in the world in abject surrender.’

And, spoiler alert...America wins her Independence:)

George says

If you are interested in history but find Non Fiction too dry at times, Bill Fortschen makes the American Revolution come to life with this three book series culminating in Victory at Yorktown

Greg says

This is one of the worst books I've ever read. 7th grade English teachers should use it for grading practice. And to lower their expectations. A masterpiece of poverty, it lacks everything. It is "The Room" of historical fiction.

Paul Peterson says

Not technically perfect...as with a few publications these days I find a few syntactic errors, but LOVE the way crucial American history is brought to life with some imagination.

Kevin Key says

Best Gingrich and Forstchen book thus far. It is a story about the Revolution commanders, through the eyes of the Patriot soldiers and the people. It weaves tails of best friends fighting against each other.

Sam says

I'm giving this a second star for some minimal research, though there's nothing new here and there are historical errors. This is a book written without passion or apparent motivation to do anything other than to make money. Stilted prose, unimaginative storytelling, an insipid love story, and unbearable cliched English filled with grammar and usage errors render this book barely readable. The taking of redoubts 9 and 10 at Yorktown is brushed over with barely a mention.

There are better books if you're interested in the siege of Yorktown that don't waste your time with predictable and bad fiction.

Josh Langston says

From a history perspective the story is spot on, as is to be expected from someone who taught history at the collegiate level as Mr. Gingrich did. From a storyteller's perspective, however, the book suffers. This was an incredibly pivotal time in our history, and that of the entire world, and yet the book fails to deliver that sense of excitement and emotion. If anything, it's a bit dry and the characters come off as flat rather than the exceptional people they were. Frankly, I was a little disappointed.

James says

listened to on CD. UG! Hated this book, took me forever to get through it and I love the authors. The main characters, besides Washington/Hamilton etc are boring and there story arcs didn't really excite me all that much. If you know American history then you know how the story comes out. The parts of the book that don't involve the fictional characters are interesting.

Read at your own risk.

Kenneth Timmerman says

Newt Gingrich's Revolutionary War books are a great way to "re-learn" history, for those of us who have forgotten more than we know today; or for young people to get a real sense of what America's founding was really like: blood, guts, and tears. Co-author William Forstchen is a real master of dialogue, character, and fictional pace.

Dale says

A Review of the Audiobook

Published in November of 2012 by Macmillan Audio.

Read by William Dufris

Duration: 12 hours, 2 minutes

Unabridged

Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen conclude their Revolutionary War-based trilogy with an up-and-down look at the final year of real action in the war (October of 1780 to October of 1781).

The actual battle descriptions are quite good in the book. The book is absolutely great with its explanation of the strategies employed to maneuver Cornwallis into the Yorktown fortifications, the coordination between the French and American forces and demonstrates just how narrow this victory really was.

However, the audiobook starts out with a two hour overwrought description of the execution of Major Andre. Andre was the British officer that conspired with the infamous American traitor Benedict Arnold. While this scene was used referred back to often throughout the rest of the book, the scene itself was very repetitious and entirely too long to make it's point. I nearly quit the audiobook completely after an hour of it.

William Dufris did a great job with all of the accents the book, especially the French officers.

See all of my reviews of books by Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen here:

<http://dwdsreviews.blogspot.com/searc...>

Joe Spoto says

I really enjoyed this book. It has a good mixture of history and fiction, and I like the writing style of the authors.
