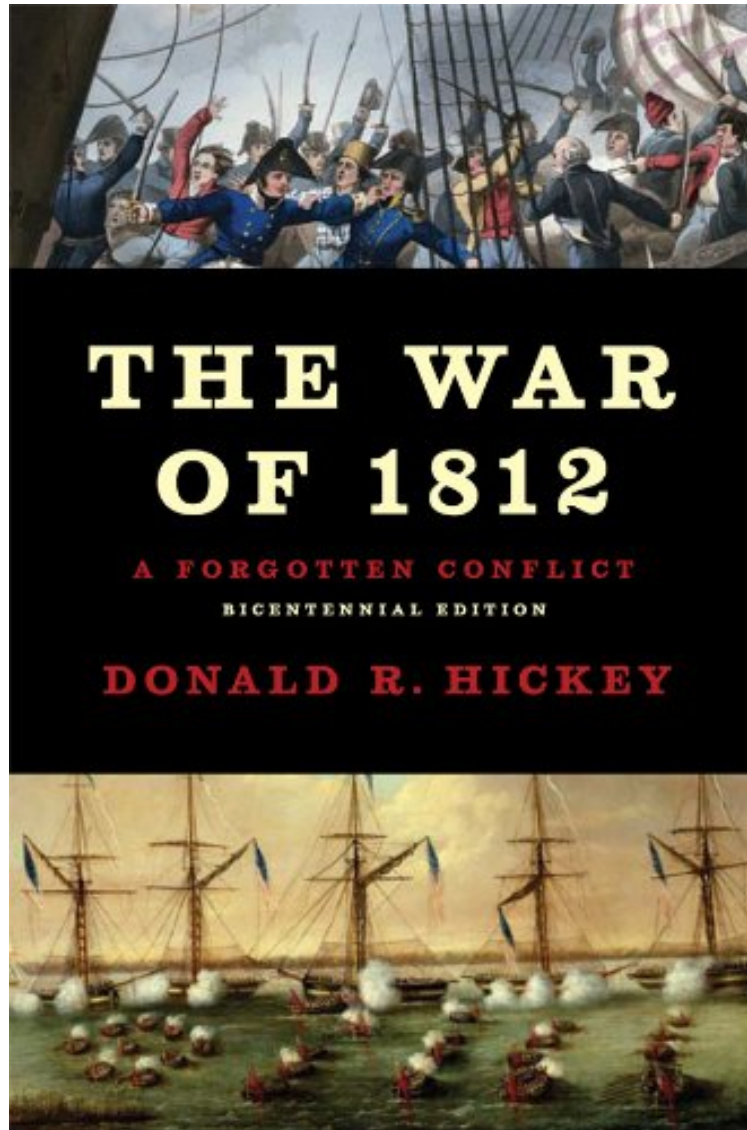


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Von Donald R Hickey : The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict, Bicentennial Edition before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict, Bicentennial Edition:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good overview of the War Von scruffy At first: sorry for my eventually bad english. I can read english texts pretty well, but since I don't write that much in english I might make a few mistakes. Also I want to mention that I review the

Bicentennial Edition of this book. This book gives you a very good overview of this "forgotten" Conflict. Another reviewer criticized that you don't get to know anything about military maneuver and/or insights of common soldier. While this is true, it is not at all what the author wanted, that's why it is in my opinion wrong to judge him for that. In his Preface he already mentions, that there was/is no lack of articles and books written about this conflict, but they mainly focus on the military aspects of the war. That's why he wanted to take a broader view of the war. Since he also takes a look at the political struggles in the congress and senate, for example for raising money for the war or peace negotiations, he spends a lesser amount on the battles. Of course he also mentions every major military confrontation, but even the bigger ones like the battle of New Orleans are discussed in about two pages. As you can see he takes a pretty broad view on the war and so none of these aspects gets discussed in every detail, but that would have been an impossible task. So, as I said, in my opinion he wants to give the reader an overview of this conflict and makes a pretty good job by doing so. Another thing that should be known about this book is that it focuses on the American perspective. I would have liked to get to know more about the British/Canadian views and struggles, but since he is an American author I guess this is understandable. For readers who want to get a deeper insight of one of the aspects of the conflict he has written a final chapter where he mentions a lot of works and sources to nearly every aspect of the war. People who are more interested in the battles for example should take a view on books about special confrontations like David E. Graves "Where Right and Glory Lead" (about the Battle of Lundy's Lane) or "A Very Brilliant Affair" (Battle of Queenston Heights). Although I didn't read it yet I guess that the book "The Incredible War of 1812 - A military history" takes a bigger focus on the battles too, while not concentrating on only one battle. So as a final word, I like to say that if you are interested in the War of 1812, this is a good book to start from. When you, after that, want to get more information on a special subject, his last chapter gives you a good overlook of works you can go on with.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. America's Most Unpopular War Von Ein Kunde Like all nations we remember what we want to remember, what is pleasing and self-serving. Because there was very little to want to remember about the War of 1812, we chose to forget most of it. Mr. Hickey does a competent job of trying to correct that mistake - albeit in a small way. The Federalists were on the wane and the Republicans (led by Jefferson and Madison) wanted desperately to make their lasting statement on the nation's future. Popular sentiment was very much against the Republican declaration of war - the reaction in New England was almost identical to the South's reaction to Lincoln's election in 1860, foreshadowing the terrible resolution of the state's rights issue. Mr. Hickey very clearly identifies the tenuous nature of the basis for the declaration of war, the horrific financial crisis created by mis-guided Republican financial and mercantile policies and the poorly developed military strategy. There was much more to the War of 1812 than "bombs bursting in air" over Fort McHenry, Andrew Jackson's victory at New Orleans (a battle fought after the peace agreement had already been signed) and the burning of Washington. Mr. Hickey does an admirable job of creating a one volume standard treatment with objectivity and insight. For those who would relegate this study to obscurity, consider a valuable lesson that the Republicans learned during this war (and that the Democrats are using to defeat the Republicans today). When public sentiment turns against you, adopt your opponents views, call those views your own (with an appropriate measure of pomp and rhetoric), and declare a great victory for the party. Bill Clinton would have made a fine Republican in 1815 - how the wheel turns.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A thorough discussion of the politics of the times. Von Ein Kunde I didn't enjoy the endless discussions of the politics of the times. The book is really 300 pages long with 100 pages of sources. The passion of war was lost in the endless quotes and opinions of politicians and officers during each event. For example, I still don't know how the battle of New Orleans was fought. Who suffered? Who was outflanked? A few Americans dead and a lot of British. The vote in congress was 13 to whatever and the bill didn't pass. The book is for serious scholars who can appreciate the hard work and detail the author has included and not for the casual history buff interested in the human condition.

Kurzbeschreibung This comprehensive and authoritative history of the War of 1812, thoroughly revised for the 200th anniversary of the historic conflict, is a myth-shattering study that will inform and entertain students, historians, and general readers alike. Donald R. Hickey explores the military, diplomatic, and domestic history of our second war with Great Britain, bringing the study up to date with recent scholarship on all aspects of the war, from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada.