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The American Revolution is a significant event in the history of the United States, and it has long been of great interest among academic historians. This stems from the central role of the Revolution in the formation of the United States. Some view the Revolution as a fundamentally popular and even populist revolution, one that was driven by ordinary people. This book explores what the American Revolution was like for ordinary people in the eighteenth century. Readers in the United States consider the history of the North American colonies as origins stories. America's history is the entangled history of a vast and growing empire. It is a history of focusing on contested North American frontiers. The book tells the story of the Revolution, showing how the familiar tale of money and power was made more complex by stories focused on territorial settlement.

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