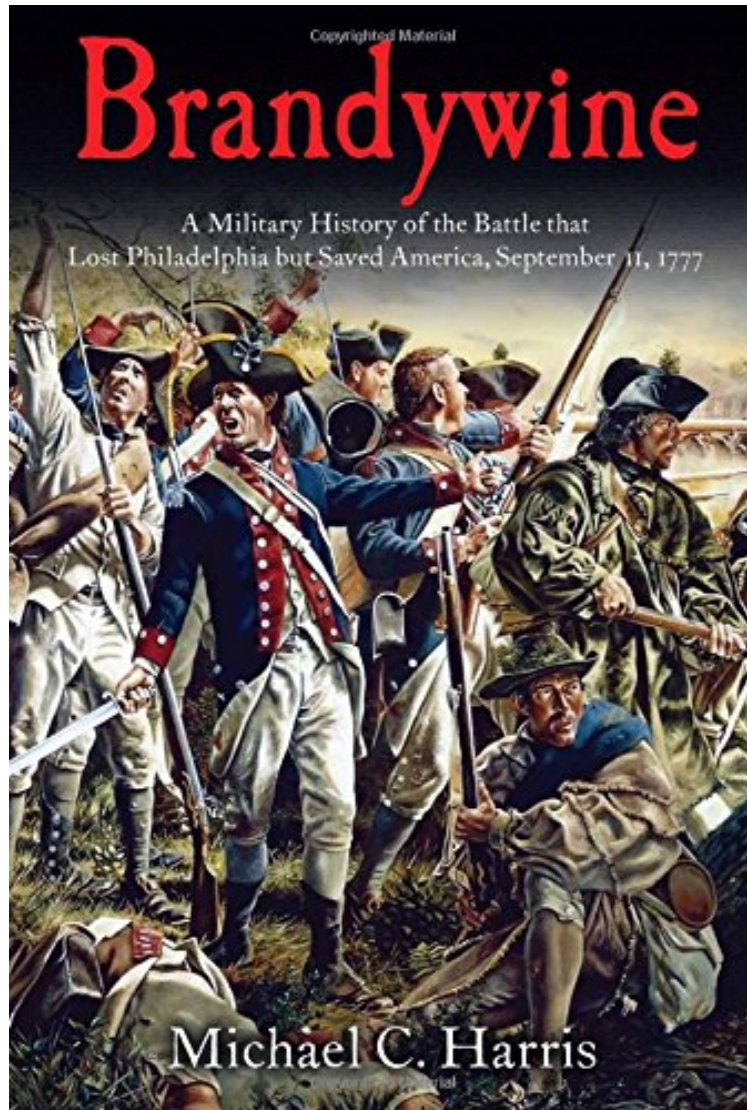


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portions of the vast battle area each day on the way to work. If there was one thing that i would like to see in this book would be GPS or latitude/longitude coordinates on for all the places referenced which would permit a detailed self-tour on less obvious portions of the battle locations. I have always had an interest in this battle due to living so close to it, the Battle of the Clouds and Paoli Battle. I think it is sad so little overall attention is directed to these places except for some dedicated individuals and groups. And given Brandywine was the largest battle of the American Revolution it is even distressing that development continues today in many parts where this battle took place. As a side comment, all these years of coin production by the mint on statehood quarters, national park quarters, not one coin produced by mint for this or any other revolutionary battle. A quarter this year in Saratoga will be the first. Brandywine....such a massive and significant event leading to the creation of this country is all but forgotten by a relative few.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Probably THE Authoritative Work on BrandywineBy Michael W. BellAn excellent IN DEPTH account of a battle which usually only gets a few pages, at most, in other works. It clarifies much of what has been either misunderstood or misrepresented in the past and does away with many myths. I can only hope Mr. Harris follows it up with another book which takes us through to the end of the Philadelphia Campaign. I highly recommend it.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. No place like home rings trueBy PenpusherFor aficionados. I lived more than half my life in Brandywine country, much of it before builders developed it. No place like home rings true. In still morning fog, the battle sounds ride gently on the wind as it blows through the vale. If you want to be there in the line, you'll enjoy this book.

WINNER, 2015, American Revolution Round Table of Richmond Book Award "Brandywine Creek calmly meanders through the Pennsylvania countryside today, but on September 11, 1777, it served as the scenic backdrop for the largest battle of the American Revolution, one that encompassed more troops over more land than any combat fought on American soil until the Civil War. Long overshadowed by the stunning American victory at Saratoga, the complex British campaign that defeated George Washingtons colonial army and led to the capture of the capital city of Philadelphia was one of the most important military events of the war. Michael C. Harriss impressive *Brandywine: A Military History of the Battle that Lost Philadelphia but Saved America*, September 11, 1777, is the first full-length study of this pivotal engagement in many years. General Sir William Howe launched his campaign in late July 1777, when he loaded his army of 16,500 British and Hessian soldiers aboard a 265-ship armada in New York and set sail. Six difficult weeks later Howes expedition landed near Elkton, Maryland, and moved north into Pennsylvania. Washingtons rebel army harassed Howes men at several locations including a minor but violent skirmish at Coochs Bridge in Delaware on September 3. Another week of hit-and-run tactics followed until Howe was within three miles of Chadss Ford on Brandywine Creek, behind which Washington had posted his army in strategic blocking positions along a six-mile front. The young colonial capital of Philadelphia was just 25 miles farther east. Obscured by darkness and a heavy morning fog, General Howe initiated his plan of attack at 5:00 a.m. on September 11, pushing against the American center at Chadss Ford with part of his army while the bulk of his command swung around Washingtons exposed right flank to deliver his coup de main, destroy the colonials, and march on Philadelphia. Warned of Howes flanking attack just in time, American generals turned their divisions to face the threat. The bitter fighting on Birmingham Hill drove the Americans from the field, but their heroic defensive stand saved Washingtons army from destruction and proved that the nascent Continental foot soldiers could stand toe-to-toe with their foe. Although fighting would follow, Philadelphia fell to Howes legions on September 26. Harriss *Brandywine* is the first complete study to merge the strategic, political, and tactical history of this complex operation and important set-piece battle into a single compelling account. More than a decade in the making, his sweeping prose relies almost exclusively upon original archival research and his personal knowledge of the terrain. Enhanced with original maps, illustrations, and modern photos, and told largely through the words of those who fought there, *Brandywine* will take its place as one of the most important military studies of the American Revolution ever written."

The Battle of Brandywine was a pivotal episode in the Revolutionary War. However, despite its importance, little has been written about this complex campaign. Michael Harris has filled the void with an impressive interpretation of the battle. His *Brandywine: A Military History* is a significant addition to the literature of the American Revolution. (Arthur S. Lefkowitz, author of *Benedict Arnolds Army*)With the publication of this book, we finally have a thorough, accurate, and well-balanced study of Brandywine, including the early stages of the campaign and the battle itself. The use of original sources and narratives puts readers in the heart of the action, right along with the leaders, the common soldiers, and the local civilians. With this carefully researched and engagingly written chronicle, Harris contributes much to our knowledge of the critical Philadelphia Campaign. (Bill Welsch, President of the American Revolution Round Table of Richmond and Co-Founder of the Congress of American Revolution Round Tables)This is a great read. Having worked for years at Brandywine, the authors credentials make this book the definitive source of the battle. (Rich Rosenthal, secretary and one of the founders of the North Jersey American Revolution Round Table)Besides a thorough account of the fighting, Harris does a brilliant job busting myths associated with the battle and refereeing disagreements between other authors (Journal of America's Military Past)About the AuthorMichael C.

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