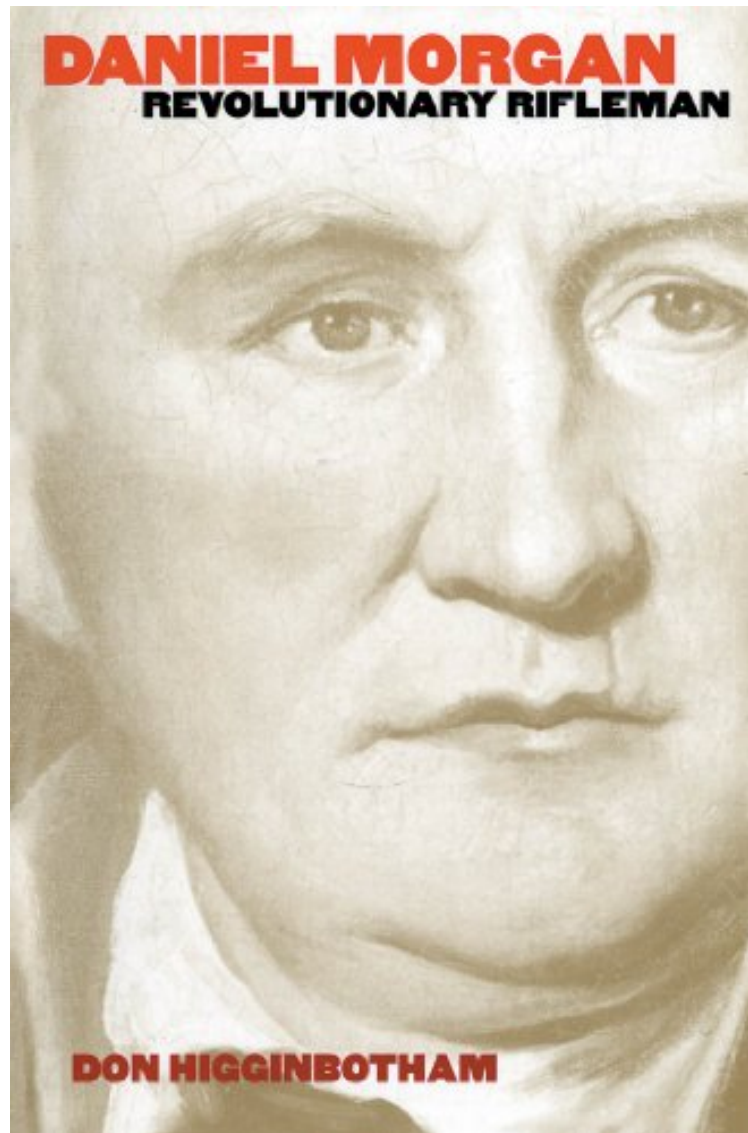


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. he knew how to position both militia and army for best effect (the militia being a lesser trained force that ...By Mimi Coffey Daniel Morgan is a name that every service man and woman should revere and study. Had his advice been taken, the Battle of Quebec may have turned out differently (his battalion successfully scaled the walls of Quebec). He was instrumental in the Battle of Saratoga, whose victory earned French support and assistance for the American cause. Not only was his rifle cavalry instrumental to George Washington's plans, he was a master tactician. At the Battle of Cowpens, he knew how to position both militia and army for best effect (the militia being a lesser trained force that often posed issues in battle). At the Battle of Cowpens, he hunted down the feared British Banastre Tarleton destroying his legion to a point that the British forces were permanently crippled. One historian even remarked that this was the key to winning the American Revolution. His battle strategy regarding combining militia was used by General Nathaniel Greene at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. This was critical to preserving the southern American continental forces. He was of strong character, a leader (his troops loved him), an entrepreneur (accumulating vast land holdings) and ended his magnificent life elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. I sought out this book because after reading so many books on Founding Fathers and the American Revolution, it became clear to me that he was something special.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A useful workBy Robert Krenzel Revolutionary Rifleman is a brief overview of the life of Daniel Morgan. It is well-researched, with good use of primary sources. It is also a fairly easy read. Where I found this book lacking was in analysis. Rarely does it leave the well trodden path of narrative to explore the wilds of "why?" and "therefore." This is unfortunate, because I was often left wanting more. Overall, it is a useful book about an important subject.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Virginia's RiflemenBy Betty J. Hicks I purchased this book because my 3rd Great Grandfather was in the Revolutionary War and fought under several Colonels appointed to command Daniel Morgan's Riflemen. This Grandfather was one of the Virginia Mountain Men who fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain. I have several pay stubs to him while he served., So, I wanted to know something about Daniel from that perspective and learn something of conditions in which they fought and of how the land area lay and what was there. I found all of that and more in this book. I am NOT a historian, just a plain, curious person wanting to know more about the conditions which my ancestors endured while helping free our country from tyranny.

Over the vast distances and rough terrain of the Revolutionary War, the tactics that Daniel Morgan had learned in Indian fighting--the thin skirmish line, the stress upon individual marksmanship, the hit-and-run mobility--were an important element of his success as a commander. He combined this success on the battlefield with a deep devotion to the soldiers serving under him. In a conflict that abounded in vital personalities, Morgan's was one of the most colorful. Illiterate, uncultivated, and contentious, he nevertheless combined the resourcefulness of a frontiersman with a native gift as a tactician and leader. His rise from humble origins gives forceful testimony to the democratic spirit of the new America.

An informative, and readable, life-and-times study of Daniel Morgan, frontier Indian fighter, Revolutionary War general, gentleman farmer and United States congressman.--Richmond Times-Dispatch About the Author Don Higginbotham is Dowd Professor of History and Peace, War, and Defense at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His books include The War of American Independence, George Washington and the American Military Tradition, and War and Society in Revolutionary America.