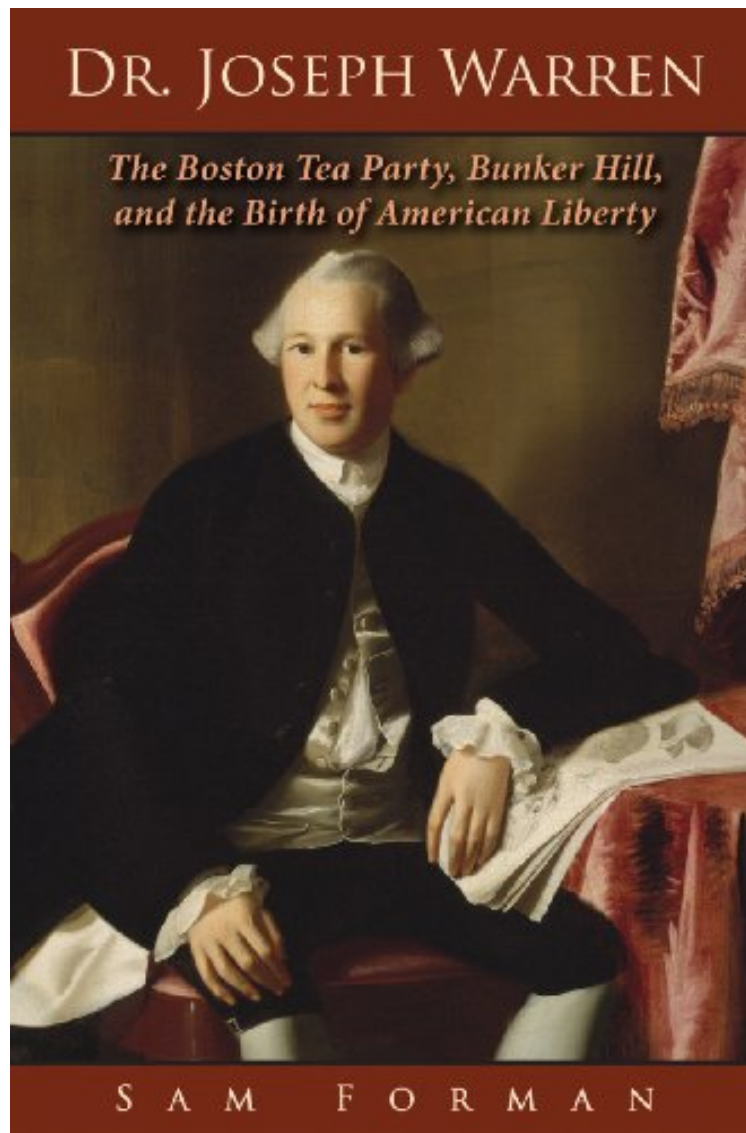


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Revolution. Dr. Joseph Warren has long been one of my very favorite heroes, and this book makes clear his monumental and almost unbelievable achievements. Distinguished physician, High Son of Liberty, author of the Suffolk Resolves, which formulated and organized resistance to the Intolerable Acts, not only within Massachusetts Bay Colony but throughout all 13 colonies, president of the Massachusetts Bay provincial congress, member of the Committee of Safety, the Committee of Supplies, and the Committee of Correspondence, major general of the Massachusetts Bay militia, the man who set Paul Revere out on his famous Midnight Ride, and lastly fallen hero at the Battle of Bunker Hill, killed while covering the withdrawal of surviving Patriot soldiers after the British had finally overrun the American redoubt on Breed's Hill. I have been a fan of Dr. Warren for a long time, and it is about time he re-assume his rightful role among the pantheon of American heroes. My commendation to the author for drawing attention to an almost forgotten but monumental American figure. 37 of 38 people found the following review helpful. The Remarkable Story of a Remarkable Man By Tamesin Eustis At last! It's been 50 years since the last biography of Dr. Joseph Warren came out. There have been only 2 full-length books on the life of this nearly-forgotten man, and much has happened since in the methods and style of historical research. Samuel Forman presents a biography that is engaging and astoundingly well-researched - a glance at his acknowledgements and bibliography are immediate proof of that (and it's worth following along with the endnotes as well, although the book is readable without them). The author has an interesting challenge in his subject: Warren took on a wide range of responsibilities over the course of his short life: medicine (as practitioner and teacher), Freemasonry (from apprentice to Grand Master), family life, politics (too much to list!), and military pursuits. Rather than a straight chronology, Forman arranges the book into these various categories. While this does lead to occasional repetition between sections (when it's necessary to clarify the timeline), this allows Forman more opportunity to present these aspects in greater depth than they ever were in earlier biographies. He wrangles his complex subject well. While Forman absolutely admires and respects Warren, he does not "clean up" his subject for the purpose of hero worship, and takes care to separate myth from fact. Warren is depicted as human, with his share of character flaws. More so than in the other biographies, in this one I was able to see him grow and mature in his relationships, interactions, and political experience. Forman also incorporates fascinating aspects of historiography and new historical "forensic" research. He reviews how Warren has been remembered - and forgotten - since his death. The appendices are readable gems themselves, examining the doctor's medical account books and various artifacts attributed to him. And since behind every great man stands a great woman, Mercy Scollay, Warren's fiancée, is finally given her due as well. (Only two questions remain, for me, unanswered: what could he have been, if he had lived? And: when did this guy sleep???) I've been interested in Joseph Warren since I read Johnny Tremain in middle school nearly 30 years ago. Over the years, I attempted to track down more information on Dr. Warren and soon began calling him "The Most Famous Person No One Has Ever Heard Of". If readers have heard of Warren, you will inevitably learn more in this new biography. If you haven't heard of him, give this book a try - you'll wonder why it's taken so long to bring the full story of this Revolutionary "missing link" to life. And thanks goes to Samuel Forman for doing it so well! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I highly recommend reading both Forman's book as well as Nathaniel Philbrick's ... By Richard E. Dyck For people interested in Joseph Warren, Forman brings a unique perspective. As a medical doctor and historian of medical science, Forman sheds light on Warren's contributions as a doctor. And, by actually looking at detailed patient logs and records from his practice, he gives us insight into the place of Warren's "day job" in his many faceted life. Without the Battle of Bunker (Breed's) Hill, it is difficult to imagine how the uprisings in Boston would not have led to independence. And, without Joseph Warren, it is difficult to imagine how the rag tag militias in Massachusetts could have become an army. For people interested in this period, I highly recommend reading both Forman's book as well as Nathaniel Philbrick's Bunker Hill. I would suggest reading Philbrick first because it puts Forman's book into historical context.

The definitive biography of the Revolutionary War doctor and hero. An American doctor, Bostonian, and patriot, Joseph Warren played a central role in the events leading to the American Revolution. This detailed biography of Warren rescues the figure from obscurity and reveals a remarkable revolutionary who dispatched Paul Revere on his famous ride and was the hero of the battle of Bunker Hill, where he was killed in action. Physician to the history makers of early America, political virtuoso, and military luminary, Warren comes to life in this comprehensive biography meticulously grounded in original scholarship.

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From the Inside Flap "Had Warren failed at the Siege of Boston, the Continental Congress and all its high ideals would have come to nothing. Warren's insistence, during that formative precedent-setting interlude, on the strict separation of representative government from a subordinate military, is an enduring contribution to the American experience. It was a gift he purchased with his life. America owes Warren much, the least of which is knowing his story and understanding his aspect of our nation's beginnings." - Paul Bracken, professor of political science, Yale University, and author of *Fire in the East: The Rise of Asian Military Power and the Second Nuclear Age*

Dr. Joseph Warren conducted what was surely the most unusual medical practice in America's early history. He collected key military intelligence prior to the Revolutionary War from a network of spies acting as patients and was among early American doctors to use dead bodies for anatomical study. However, that is only part of his story. By virtue of directing the original Minute Men, Warren is considered a founder of the Army National Guard. He served as president of the 1775 Massachusetts Provincial Congress, where he advocated for a military accountable only to elected government, and as a Freemasonry Grand Master. Finally, as a military general, Warren was the first high-ranking American officer killed during the Revolutionary War. This definitive biography is accompanied by an enlightening series of appendices, which include a forensic reconstruction of the doctor's account books. Dr. Samuel A. Forman has a personal mission to increase enthusiasm for American core values. He became intrigued by the references to Joseph Warren, whose rsum defied belief that one person could do many things, much less do them simultaneously, well, and frequently lead them. Early in his research for this book, Forman attended lectures on the American Revolution by Prof. David Hackett Fischer, Pulitzer Prize winner and best-selling author of books on the era, who commented that "it may take a physician to tell Warren's story properly." Making sense of opaque eighteenth-century physician's account books, a feat of both forensic analysis and medical historical scholarship, turned out to be the elusive key to understanding Joseph Warren's life experiences. It is an accomplishment that only a scholar-physician could hope to achieve. A father of five, Forman lives in Brookline, Massachusetts.

From the Back Cover "Sam Forman has applied meticulous scholarship and an engaging style to resurrect a medical life among American founding figures. Readers will be amazed at personal and clinical details of what was surely the most unusual medical practice in all of America's history. After reading [this book], my understanding of America's Revolutionary heritage will never be the same." - William M. McDermott, Jr., MD executive vice president (retired) of the Massachusetts Medical Society, publishers of the *New England Journal of Medicine*

Joseph Warren, the forgotten founding father, passionately blended ideology and action-organizing the real Boston Tea Party, leading the Massachusetts Provincial Congress, sending Paul Revere on his iconic ride, and heroically fighting at the Battle of Bunker Hill, where he was killed in action. He has had a broad and lasting impact, deserving of a more prominent place in American memory. Beloved and famous in his time for his political and military exploits, Warren was also idolized by former presidents John Adams and Ronald Reagan as a martyr to the American cause and as one of our most inspirational historical personalities. This fascinating biography sheds light on his illicit activities as a resurrectionist obtaining dead bodies for anatomical study, his deep friendship with famous patients like John and Abigail Adams, his authorship of the foundational Suffolk Resolves, the spy ring he ran out of his medical practice on the eve of the Revolutionary War, an alleged relationship with the stunning wife of the enemy general as a source of military intelligence, and the arc of his posthumous legacy from the pinnacle of fame to obscurity, and perhaps back again. Warren was a humanitarian, devoting his career to improving health care for all and making real the concepts of liberty and representative government. Meticulously grounded in original scholarship, this is the definitive biography of American founder Dr. Joseph Warren. Scholar-physician Samuel A. Forman has adapted innovative methods in historiography, medicine, and forensics to produce a rousing volume worthy of its subject.