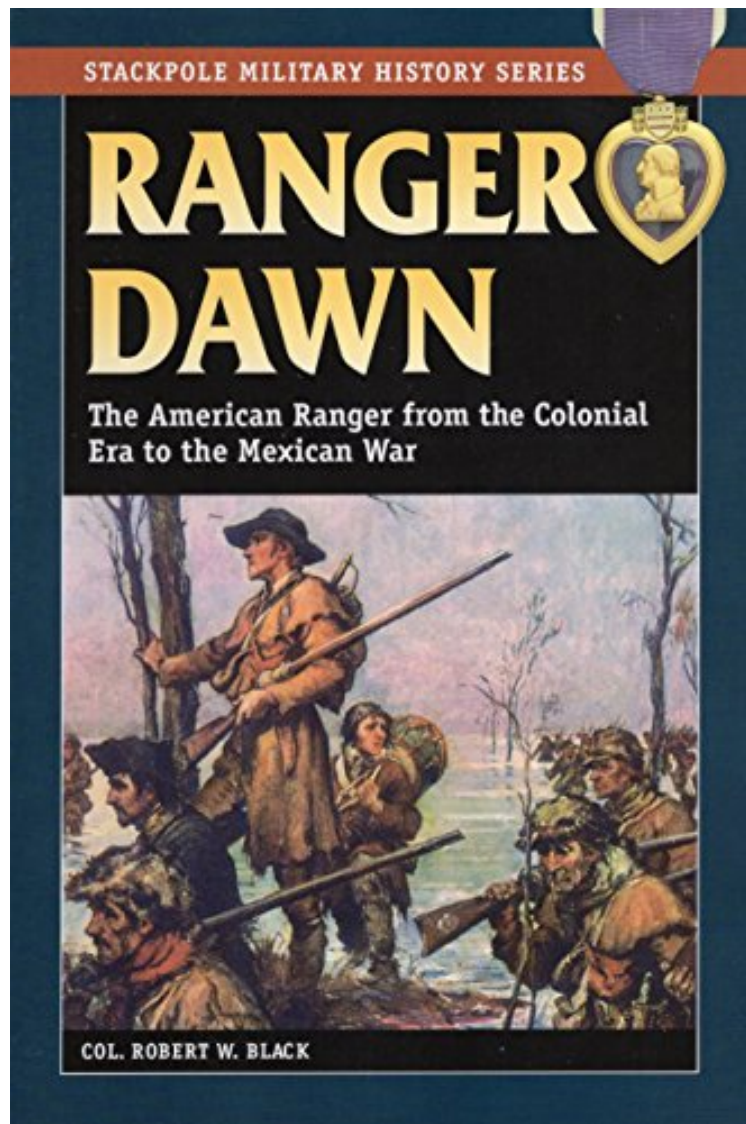


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**Robert W. Black : Ranger Dawn: The American Ranger from the Colonial Era to the Mexican War (Stackpole Military History Series)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ranger Dawn: The American Ranger from the Colonial Era to the Mexican War (Stackpole Military History Series):

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Noteworthy  
By Michael E. Fitzgerald  
Author Robert W. Black is a retired U.S. Army Ranger. In this work he examines the origins of Ranger activities as exhibited during North America's colonial wars, the Revolutionary War and the early wars in America's history. For the most part historians focus on major battles and turning points during these wars. Black's approach is different. Focusing on Ranger contributions he adds a different dimension to the larger scale engagements and as a material plus details numerous smaller scale actions most historians eliminate in the interest of brevity. I found this work quite worthwhile, particularly in its discussion of Ranger affairs during the Revolutionary and Mexican Wars. For the most part Rangers developed their skill sets on America's frontiers as Europeans adapted to Indian warfare. During the French and Indian War ranging activities were incorporated into the British army. Rangers who served in this capacity would go on to serve with distinction during the Revolution. It was surprising to find out that Israel Putnam, John Stark, George Rogers Clark, Francis Marion, Thomas Knowlton, Thomas Sumter and Daniel Morgan had all honed their military skills in the Rangers. At the Battle of Bunker Hill Putnam, Stark and Knowlton all had more combat experience than the British officers they faced. During the Mexican War Texas Rangers John Hays, Sam Walker, Bigfoot Johnson and Richard Gillespie provided the eyes and ears to Zachary Taylor's American army regulars at the battles of Resaca del Palma, Monterey and Buena Vista, contributing significantly to those victories. This is not a particularly well written book. Many, far too many short choppy sentences lead to rough transitions and disjointed prose. But it is a very worthwhile book. Better understanding Ranger contributions to America's Wars leads to an enhanced understanding of the battles and the military strategy pursued within those wars. Add the smaller actions of a more partisan nature that most historians simply overlook and Robert Black is able to impart a much more complete understanding of events as they occurred.

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By Pvt. W. G. Kirby  
Customer  
Book arrived in plenty of time to wrap and send as a Christmas gift. Thanks to and the seller for promptness. I gave this as a gift to a former Ranger. I had the chance to page through it and it looked interesting to me. Would have liked to have seen more maps and illustrations if not photos ( history covered was pre-photography), so I hope the next volume will remedy this. Author is THE authority on the American RANGER units. Gift was well received by the former Ranger, so I hope to soon hear how he feels about it.

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By gade04  
Good history of the creation of the American Ranger in the early part of the American Colonies/United States.

Early history of the forerunners of one of the world's most elite military units, the U.S. Army Rangers  
The French and Indian War, the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Texas War of Independence, and the Mexican War  
Features Ranger pioneers like Robert Rogers, Francis Marion, and George Rogers Clark  
Robert W. Black adds a new chapter to his story of the American Rangers, beginning with the birth of the Ranger idea in the 1600s and following Ranger forces through the Mexican War of 1846-48.

About the Author  
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