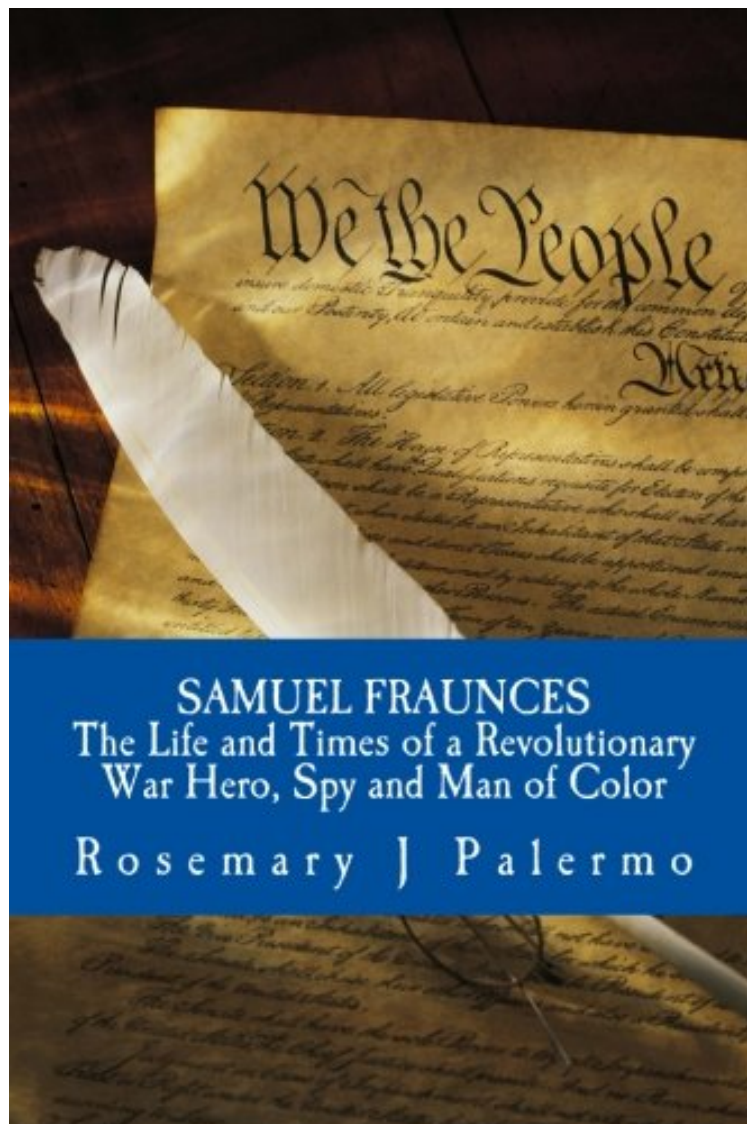


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was not only a tavern owner who introduced international cuisine in the colonies, but he was so respected that George Washington hired him as the first Steward to the President of the United States. He set the tone and manners for the White House, although a man of color, when President Washington still owned slaves. Samuel was comfortable in England, the West Indies and the colonies; and he was innovative, creating a catering business and displayed his own extensive collection of wax figures rivaling anything in Europe at the time. Through meticulous documentation, the relations between blacks and whites in the West Indies, Europe and America, the author reveals the complicated and varying aspects of race in the 18th century. The styles of dress and eating habits in the colonies are fascinating in themselves. And the individuals we read about in history books are brought to life through correspondence that describes the inevitability of the American Revolution and the Civil War that were to come. This is a great adjunct to historical texts that tend to give dates and names without enough explanation of the motives and characters of the individuals involved.

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"You have invariably through the most trying times maintained a constant friendship an attention to the cause of our country and its independence and freedom." -- George Washington to Samuel Fraunces  
This book is the perfect companion to Brian Kilmeade's book George Washington's Secret Six, the Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution. The book contains one of the best timelines I have ever read for the events taking place before and during this crucial stage in American history. It gives a wealth of historical background, specific dates and interesting details of the lives of key players in the war with England and introduces yet another little known citizen who risked his life and fortune to help the cause of Independence. The book paints a picture of a rare character, Samuel Fraunces, a combination of P.T. Barnum, Gordon Ramsay, and a little James Bond thrown in for good measure. There has been some debate as to whether Samuel Fraunces was white or black man, the book seems to make a clear case for Fraunces being a man of mixed race and backs this with extensive research. Interestingly, this man, who was a Patriot, a spy and a friend to George Washington, was buried in an unmarked grave until 2010. This book is a good read and reference for anyone wanting to dig deeper into the time period of the American Revolution and the ordinary people who became unsung heroes.

SAMUEL FRAUNCES was a restaurant entrepreneur who saved Washington's life during an assassination attempt, became a spy and helped foil the Benedict Arnold treason. The Book of Negroes was compiled at his tavern. He became the first Steward of the first Presidential household in the United States, and he was a successful free man of color when slavery was the law of the land.