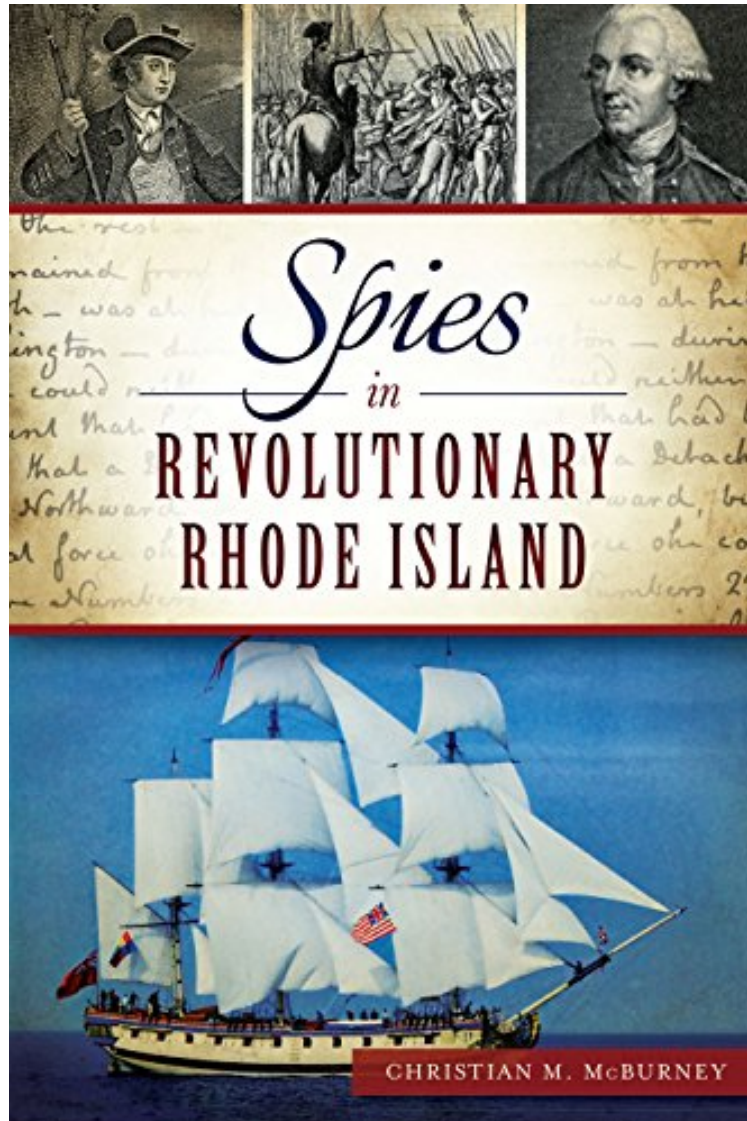


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Christian M. McBurney : Spies in Revolutionary Rhode Island (Military) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Spies in Revolutionary Rhode Island (Military):

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me in the reading. Reading this book takes you back in time and shows one what it took to be living during a very tumultuous period when neighbor was pitted against neighbor and sentiments in families were not always aligned. I would recommend this reading to anyone. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A First-rate ReadBy brian wallinAs a member and trustee of a Rhode Island organization that is focused on military history with a special focus on the American Revolution, I am always on the lookout for books on the subject. Finding one that has a local connection is even better. Christian McBurney deserves high marks for this one. "Spies in Revolutionary Rhode Island" is a first-rate read that recounts in detail the activities on some familiar names as well as lesser known figures. Both sides, British and American, are included. The author's research is extensive and well-documented in the bibliography opening the door for history buffs to delve further into the subject. The chapters are well organized and the style makes for an easy and entertaining read for both those with a casual interest as well as anyone who wants to use these stories as jumping-off points for more in depth study. This one is well worth your time!

Espionage played a vital role during the American Revolution in Rhode Island. The British and Americans each employed spies to discover the secrets, plans and positions of their enemy. Continental navy lieutenant John Trevett dressed as an ordinary sailor, grew out his beard and went from tavern to tavern in Newport gathering intelligence. Metcalf Bowler became a traitor on the order of Benedict Arnold, as he spied for the British while serving as a Patriot leader in Providence. Disguised as a peddler, Ann Bates spied for the British during the Rhode Island Campaign. When caught, one spy paid with his life, while others suffered in jail. Author Christian M. McBurney, for the first time, unravels the world of spies and covert operations in Rhode Island during the Revolutionary War.

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