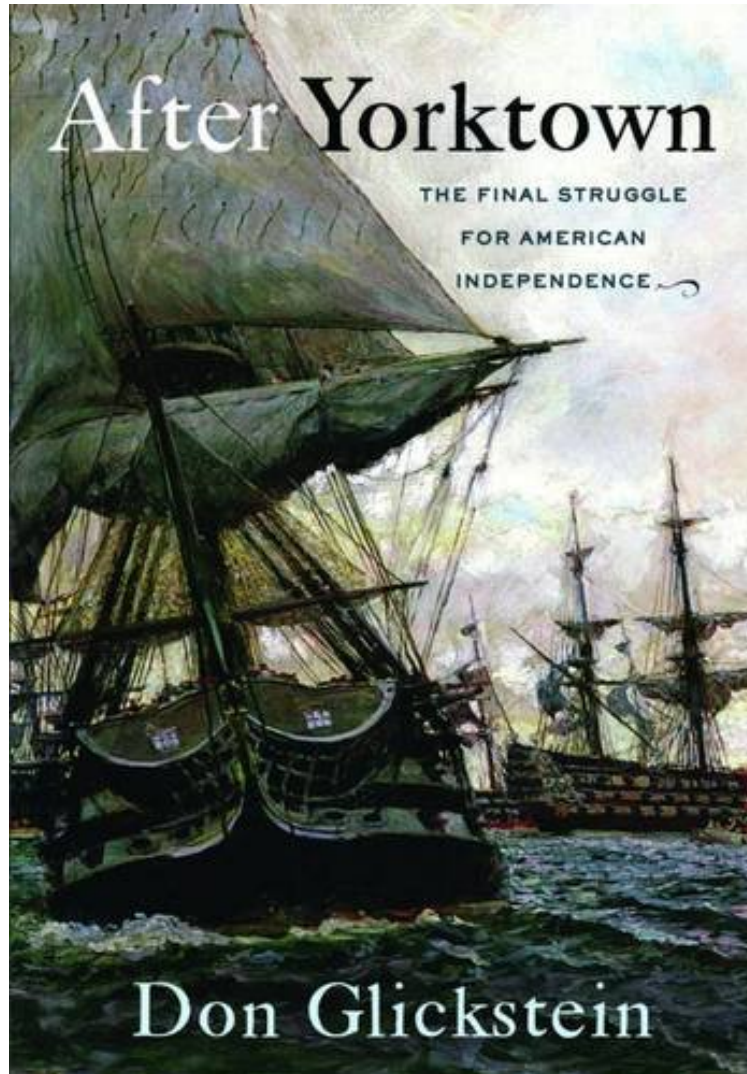


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30 of 30 people found the following review helpful. Quasi-PeaceBy VA DuckIt is common to think that the surrender of Cornwallis' army at Yorktown, Virginia in the fall of 1781 marked the "end of the war". It certainly was the last great land battle of the Revolution and undermined political support for the war within in the British Parliament, but the battles raged on and in many places as hot as ever until the peace accords were recognized in 1783. For those who wonder what the military and economic and naval state of affairs was like during the two years following the quasi-

peace of Yorktown and the finality brought about by the Treaty of Paris on September 3rd, 1783 - Don Glickstein has written its broad complex account with this book. The book is long (and occasionally reads long), it is also comprehensive, covering the end of the war on the continent and on the seas and documents much of the un-civility of both sides. Author Glickstein uses the terms Whigs and Tories to sort out the adversaries without yielding a moral superiority to either side. The structure of the book is in Parts and Chapters allowing a region to be collected into a part, with its chapters - often unrelated militarily - to document each of the many individual stories. For most - even those familiar through other reading with the war - this will be in very large part 'new' and that always makes a read more interesting and, Glickstein also brings the talent of a skilled writer making the read a pleasure. This book can, "be put down" because the 'parts' and even the chapters often stand alone. The lesson of the book, for this reader at least, is a shock and sadness at the brutality and rabid hatred between the rival sides - far more than was evidenced by the large professional armies of Clinton, Cornwallis, Washington, or Rochambeau. Not unexpectedly, we see the injustice and disloyalty put upon the native people, sometimes simply because they took the wrong side in the war, sometimes because of their own brand of brutality, often simply for the avarice of land speculation that had its start during this period. The book loses focus in parts six seven (the Mediterranean and India) with topics so detached, or at most tangential to, "...The Final Struggle for American Independence" that the reader becomes disoriented to the author's purpose. Even so, the book is an impressively broad spectrum of research, a well written documentary of war on the fringes of the original 13 states and a recommended read - particularly for those interested in the American Founding Period and the war that gave it start. \_\_\_\_\_ The publisher (Westholme Publishing) 'shorts' the purchaser of the kindle edition by eliminating page numbers - relying instead on the handful of other debilitated metrics, none of which correlate meaningfully to the paper edition. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This was a great read - kept a good pace and I learned ...By Customer This was a great read - kept a good pace and I learned a lot about our country during and "after" the Revolution. It's well researched but you're not burdened with footnotes, etc. - well documented at the end of the book. I highly recommend it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting reading. By R. B. MacHatton This book was full of tid bits of information that you don't often come across. Well written and interesting.

After the Humiliating Defeat at Yorktown in 1781, George III Vowed to Keep Fighting the Rebels and Their Allies Around the World, Holding a New Nation in the Balance Although most people think the American Revolution ended with the British surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, on October 19, 1781, it did not. The war spread around the world, and exhausted men kept fighting from the Arctic to Arkansas, from India and Ceylon to Schenectady and South America while others labored to achieve a final diplomatic resolution. After Cornwallis's unexpected loss, George III vowed revenge, while Washington planned his next campaign. Spain, which France had lured into the war, insisted there would be no peace without seizing British-held Gibraltar. Yet the war had spun out of control long before Yorktown. Native Americans and Loyalists continued joint operations against land-hungry rebel settlers from New York to the Mississippi Valley. African American slaves sought freedom with the British. Soon, Britain seized the initiative again with a decisive naval victory in the Caribbean against the Comte de Grasse, the French hero of Yorktown. In *After Yorktown: The Final Struggle for American Independence*, Don Glickstein tells the engrossing story of this uncertain and violent time, from the remarkable American and French success in Virginia to the conclusion of the fighting in India and then to the last British soldiers leaving America more than two years after Yorktown. Readers will learn about the people their humor, frustration, fatigue, incredulity, worries; their shock at the savage terrorism each side inflicted; and their surprise at unexpected grace and generosity. Based on an extraordinary range of primary sources, the story encompasses a fascinating cast of characters: a French captain who destroyed a British trading post, but left supplies for Indians to help them through a harsh winter, an American Loyalist releasing a captured Spanish woman in hopes that his act of kindness will result in a prisoner exchange, a Native American leader caught between two hells of a fickle ally and a greedy enemy, and the only general to surrender to both George Washington and Napoleon Bonaparte. Finally, the author asks the question we face today: How do you end a war that doesn't want to end?

About the Author DON GLICKSTEIN, an award-winning journalist, has written for the Delaware State News, the Buffalo Courier-Express, New Bedford Standard-Times, and Seattle Post-Intelligencer, before being appointed a political press secretary. He later became a communications manager for the nation's largest consumer-governed healthcare system. His history writing has appeared in the *Journal of the American Revolution*, *Columbia*, *Washington Magazine*, and [historylink.org](http://historylink.org).