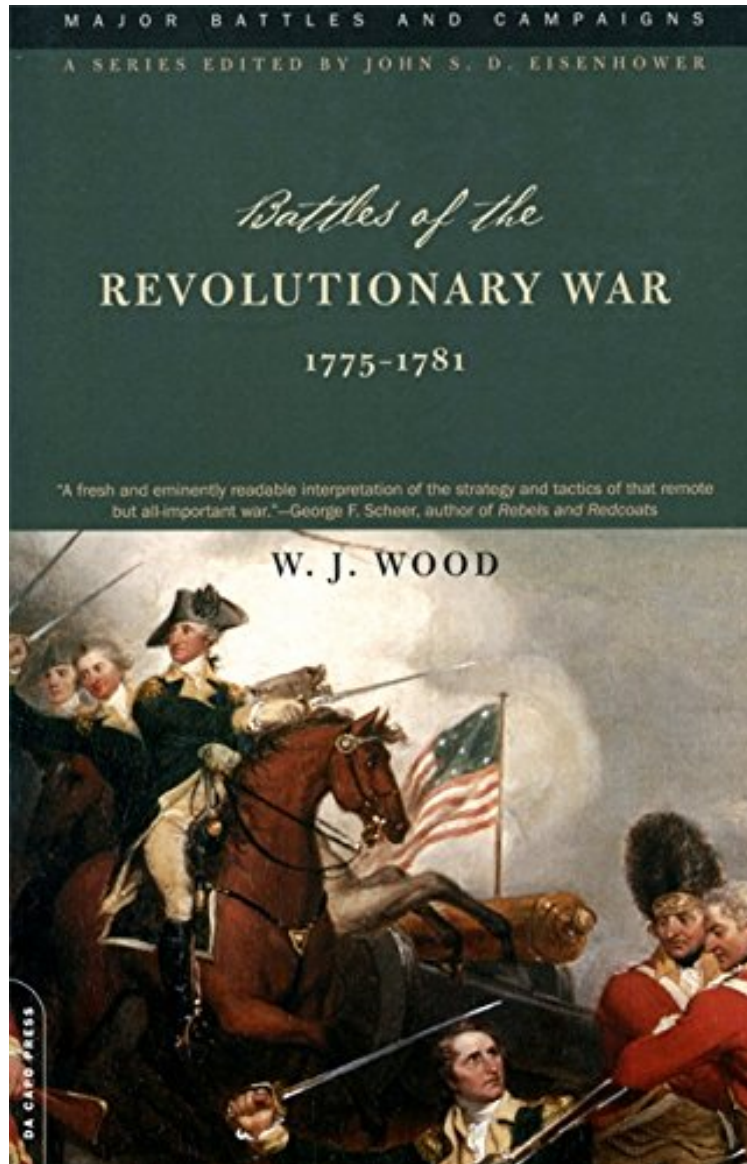


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particularly interested in the battle strategies employed by our Revolutionary War leaders. Woods book does indeed cover this aspect of the Revolutionary War with respect to selected battles. And importantly, he does not take a rose-colored view of George Washington, as a military leader, but shows how he learned over time and got better at battle strategy. Wood's book underscores David McCullough's thesis in "1776" that the success of the American revolution was anything but a given. The American revolution held by a thread for a number of years. The reason I gave Wood's book 4 rather than 5 stars is that the combination of text and graphics did not always give me the contextual understanding that I seek. Alternating between the text and the battle charts, I could not always tell what happened and most importantly, why. Woods did emphasize the current information available to the military leaders on the field of battle. And this is key to understanding the actions taken. But I wish he could have given us a better understanding of the moves made on the field of battle particularly in the larger more complex battles. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Well written in a conversational style By TomR The book had very good descriptions of several battles of the Revolutionary War. I am curious though, why the Battle of Monmouth wasn't included. The maps would have been quite a bit more useful if they were more clearly reproduced in this e-book version. Navigation was a little difficult and e-books still have the problem of not being able to easily page back and forth to reference the map. Why no map of the Yorktown land campaign? This is still a worthwhile read and of interest. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great little book. By Michael Beck A very well written book about the battles only of the war.

The Americans did not simply outlast the British in the Revolutionary War, contends this author in a groundbreaking study, but won their independence by employing superior strategies, tactics, and leadership. Designed for the "armchair strategist" with dozens of detailed maps and illustrations, here is a blow-by-blow analysis of the men, commanders, and weaponry used in the famous battles of Bunker Hill, Quebec, Trenton, Princeton, Saratoga, and Cowpens.

From Library Journal The second and third volumes in "Major Battles Campaigns" are at opposite poles of the series format. D'Este, author of previous works on Overlord and Sicily, takes a strategic perspective, focussing on Anglo-American cooperation in the central Mediterranean. Wood's battle history of the American Revolution is tactically oriented. D'Este argues that the Allies and the Germans had essentially the same limited purpose: to keep maximum enemy forces pinned in a secondary theater. Neither of the principal Allied commanders, Harold Alexander and Mark Clark, had the character or the talent to make the Mediterranean theater more than a dead end. D'Este avoids discussing the campaign's grand strategic aspects and ignores British operations in the eastern Mediterranean. Nevertheless, his presentation is sound within its set limits. A paperback edition would be welcome collateral reading for courses in World War II. Specialists will find little new in Wood's pages, but troop movements and command decisions are presented well and perceptively critiqued. In arguing for the uniqueness of Revolutionary battles, Wood fails to delineate clear principles of selection. Neither political, strategic, nor institutional contexts are well developed. This is, however, a useful one-volume update of Christopher Ward's two-volume *The War of the Revolution* (LJ 9/1/52), the standard operational narrative. -- Dennis E. Showalter, Colorado Coll., Colorado Springs Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. "A fresh and eminently readable interpretation." About the Author W. J. Wood (1917-1997), was a retired Army lieutenant colonel whose background included not only professional authorship but also combat experience in World War II and the Korean war, a decade spent in professional war gaming for weapons systems analysis at the Army Material Command, and a lifetime studying military history. His books include *Battles of the Revolutionary War* and *Leaders and Battles*.