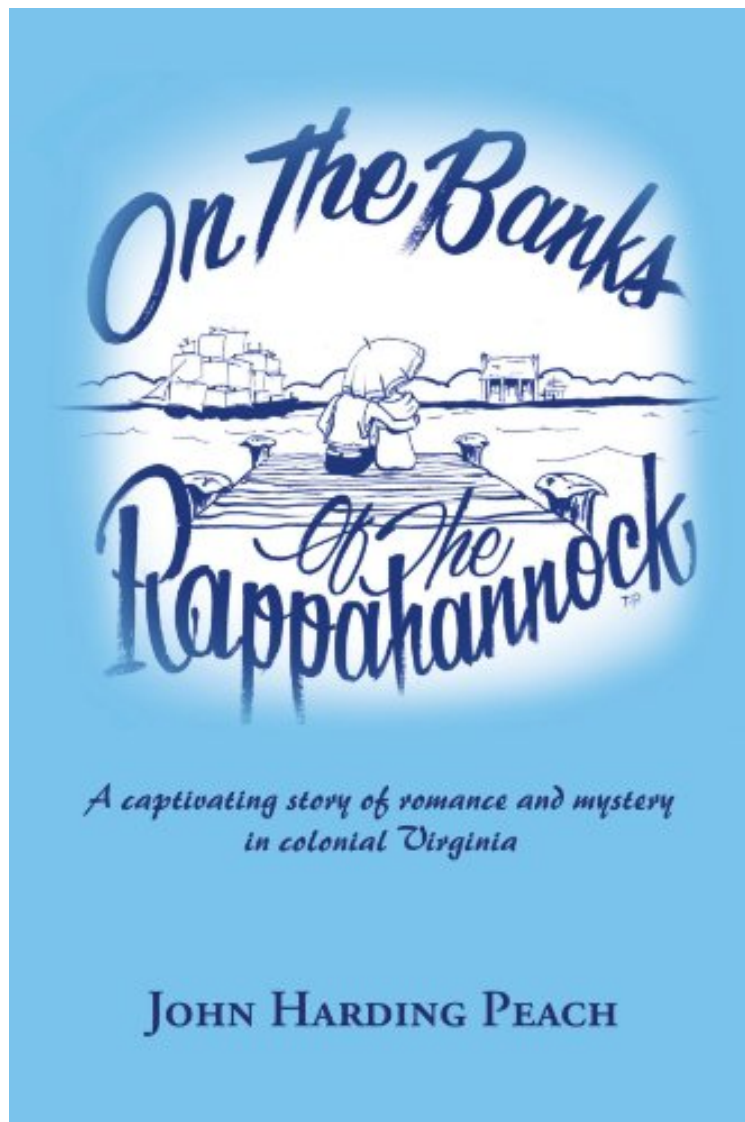


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this book through the Northern Neck Historical Society. I was really excited to buy it - my favorite genre is historical fiction, my favorite time period is colonial America ( with a huge fondness for Colonial Williamsburg) and my favorite place is the Northern Neck. I ran to and bought the Kindle version of this book, and jumped into it immediately. I am so very sorry to say that I am very underwhelmed. The subject matter could be absolutely fascinating, I have no doubt! I give the author major props for his research. However, his decision to self-publish without the benefit of a proof reader or an editor was extremely unfortunate. The writing is clunky and disjointed, hard to follow at times. He could have spent a lot of time at Colonial Williamsburg, learning the vernacular and speech patterns of the day. For instance, I highly doubt that a young lady of 1699 would have addressed her father and brother as "you guys". The author seems to struggle with the flow of language altogether. It is very distracting to read, as the sentences are not constructed in a polished or professional manner. The author appears to have done quite a bit of research along the genealogy lines, but did not take the time to research much else about the time period. For instance, in the chapter dated 1709/Epping Forest, George rides up on his favorite stallion "Rappahannock", an appaloosa with white splotches. Appaloosa horses were native to the Nez Perce tribe of the south west, and were not "discovered" by white men until the 1870's. There may have been spotted horses in the eastern states in 1709, but they most assuredly were not Appaloosa's. I will continue to read this book, since I paid for it. But I would strongly encourage the author to seek out an editor and a proof reader, and then republish this book. There is a tremendous appetite for this type of novel, but not for one poorly researched and poorly written. It pains me to give this book a low rating. I really want to like it. The subject matter could be outstanding, if only a little polish were applied. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating view of an area and a period in American ...By Linda Taliaferro Fascinating view of an area and a period in American history and a home that is now in our family. Thorough research of the period and Virginia residents create an educational genealogical read. Thank you, John Peach !

This historical novel will travel through the colonial days of the south beginning in 1699 and culminating in 1783 with the struggles of the Revolution. Three U. S. Presidents have ties to the historical characters in this book - George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln. Mary Ball, mother of the 1st president, is one of the main personalities highlighted. Nancy Hanks, mother of the 16th president, was probably the illegitimate daughter of one of this book's characters. Thomas Jefferson and his family play a vital role in this historical novel. The main characters of this book will be lesser known but just as significant. These will be the Peacheys, the Glascocks, the Griffins, the Bertrands, the Balls, the McCartys, the Carters, and the Tayloes - all popular names in the eighteenth century on the Northern Neck of Virginia. Others featured are the Walkers and the Gilmers, especially Dr. Thomas Walker, who first discovered Kentucky for the white man. His close ties to President Thomas Jefferson helped promote the formation of the Louisiana Purchase, which doubled the size of the United States. Rev. St. John Shropshire and his descendants are highlighted with their ties to the Peach family of South Carolina. This narrative starts during the early development of the Northern Neck of Virginia on the banks of the Rappahannock. With this as its beginning, the book takes its readers back to the immigrant ancestors of its main characters and then carries them forward to future generations. Many of the personalities in this book will be portrayed as they helped fight for the independence of the United States from England and formulate the new nation.

About the Author John Harding Peach Twenty eight years ago, John ventured into the captivating hobby of genealogy. As he began the search for his own roots, he likewise had the compelling desire to help thousands of others with their genealogical search. Thus, he began writing books sharing the results of his research with thousands of his readers. After nine published books, John has written this composition as his first historical novel. This resident of Knoxville, Tennessee received his Master's Degree from Liberty University and has spent his lifetime as a pastor, a counselor and an entrepreneur. He has three daughters and four grandchildren. The other books published by this author: THE PEACH TREE DIGEST, 1985 (now out of print) THE PEACH TREE HANDBOOK, Vol. I, So. Carolina Branch, 1986 (now out of print) THE PEACH TREE HANDBOOK, Vol. II. So. Maryland Branch, 1988 THE PEACH TREE HANDBOOK, Vol. III, Marblehead Branch, 2000 THE PEACH/PEACHEY MIGRATIONS, 1066-1990 A.D, 1991 THE PEACH GENEALOGIES, Vol. 1, 2003 THE PEACH GENEALOGIES, Vol. 2, 2004 THE PEACH HEROES, 2009 THE PEACH/PEACHEY BRIDGES, Vol. I, 2010 Books can be ordered directly by writing to: John H. Peach, 221 Geronimo Rd. Knoxville, TN 37934