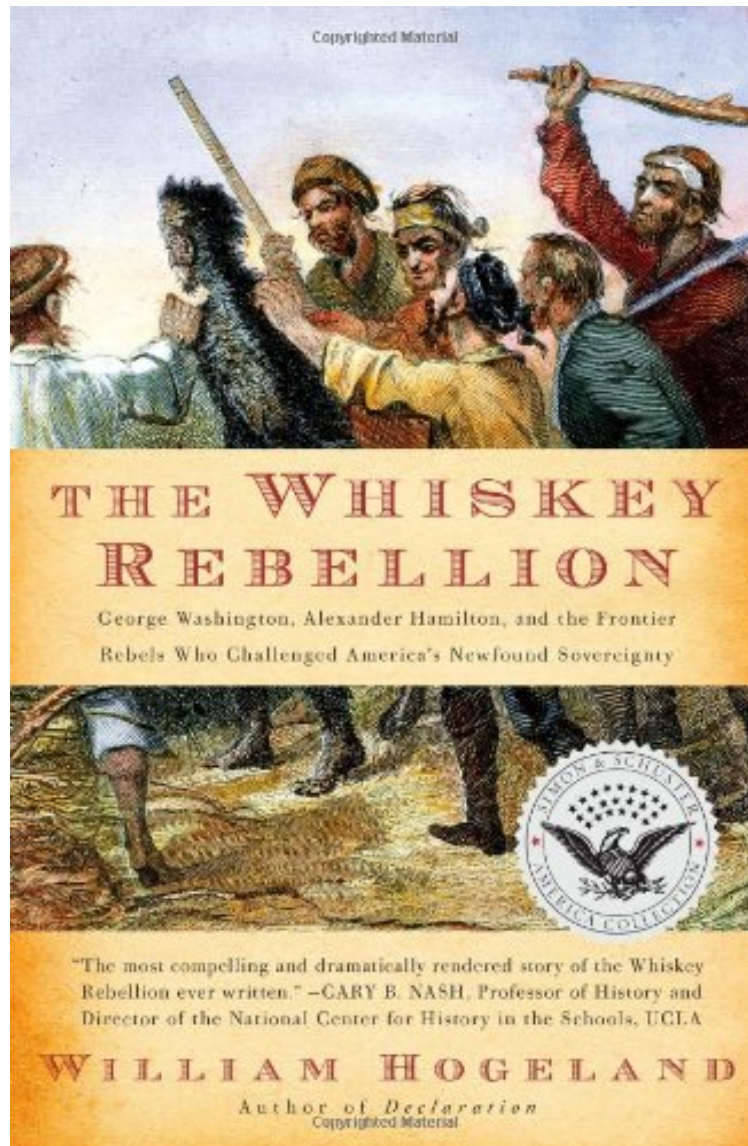


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Anyone interested in the founding of the United States should find this book engrossing. Thoroughly researched, well written and with deep insight into relatable people and the early years of the Republic, this work takes what history books typically dismiss as a minor uprising and explains how it might instead easily have become the undoing of the new United States and George Washington himself. Surprising elements include a self-appointed militia burning down the plantation of western Pennsylvania's most prominent slaveholder, how deeply the personal financial interests of George Washington himself were caught up in the Pittsburgh area and affected by the rebellion, and how that region and parts of Virginia agreed to form their own nation and created their own large army. The non-fiction narrative flows smoothly and builds characters in a way that keeps you wanting to know what happens next. Fast and fascinating read.
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This is a very good book for someone who has heard of the Whiskey Rebellion, but never really learned about it. The book starts off discussing the financial condition of the nation after the American Revolution (broke), then goes on to discuss Hamilton's plans to fund the nation and pay off war bonds by developing tax plan that hurts the poor, which in this case happened to hurt most those living in western PA. According to this book, anyway, the Whiskey Rebellion was not about taxes, but about Hamilton specifically taxing the poor to pay the rich. Hamilton helped rich bankers buy up what at the time were worthless war bonds for pennies on the dollar, and then Hamilton got the US gov't to pay those bonds at full value by taxing the poor. Although I had expected to read a book entirely about Washington leading troops into Pittsburgh, the book only devotes a few pages at the very end to Washington and the troops. The first 95% of the book is devoted to the events, over several years, leading up to Washington and the troops; but I must say this makes more sense and actually is more interesting to read. Overall a very good book; fairly quick to read, no slow or boring chapters, and no over use of statistics like a lot of history authors do. Highly recommended!
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This book's historical accuracy was somewhat tiring but overall I enjoyed learning the background of the Whiskey Rebellion. It got interesting about 3/4 through. Sadly, the whole point of the rebellion was summarized in less than a page. Maybe I'm too OCD but I think the facts could have been more quickly presented.

A gripping and sensational tale of violence, alcohol, and taxes, *The Whiskey Rebellion* uncovers the radical eighteenth-century peoples movement, long ignored by historians, that contributed decisively to the establishment of federal authority. In 1791, on the frontier of western Pennsylvania, local gangs of insurgents with blackened faces began to attack federal officials, beating and torturing the tax collectors who attempted to collect the first federal tax ever laid on an American product—whiskey. To the hard-bitten people of the depressed and violent West, the whiskey tax paralyzed their rural economies, putting money in the coffers of already wealthy creditors and industrialists. To Alexander Hamilton, the tax was the key to industrial growth. To President Washington, it was the catalyst for the first-ever deployment of a federal army, a military action that would suppress an insurgency against the American government. With an unsparing look at both Hamilton and Washington, journalist and historian William Hogeland offers a provocative, in-depth analysis of this forgotten revolution and suppression. Focusing on the battle between government and the early-American evangelical movement that advocated western secession, *The Whiskey Rebellion* is an intense and insightful examination of the roots of federal power and the most fundamental conflicts that ignited and continue to smolder in the United States.

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Soon after Americans ousted inequitable British taxation, Secretary of Finance Alexander Hamilton, hatched a plan to put the new nation on steady financial footing by imposing the first American excise tax, on whiskey makers. The tax favored large distillers over small farmers with stills in the mountains of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, and the farmers fomented their own new revolutionary challenge to the sovereignty of the new government and the power of the wealthy eastern seaboard. In a fast-paced, blow-by-blow account of this "primal national drama," journalist Hogeland energetically chronicles the skirmishes that made the Whiskey Rebellion from 1791 to 1795 a symbol of the conflict between republican ideals and capitalist values. The rebels engaged in civil disobedience, violence against the tax collectors and threatened to secede from the new republic. Eventually Washington led federal troops to quell the rebellion, arresting leaders such as Herman Husband, a hollow-eyed evangelist who believed that the rebellion would usher in the New Jerusalem. Hogeland's judicious, spirited study offers a lucid window into a mostly forgotten episode in American history and a perceptive parable about the pursuit of political plans no matter what the cost to the nation's unity. (Apr.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.
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Most general U.S. history texts gloss over the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 as a minor, spasmodic outburst of violence by disgruntled farmers in western Pennsylvania. Not so, says Hogeland. In this uneven but provocative and interesting chronicle, he weaves in themes of class conflict,

easterner versus westerner, and local control versus the newly strengthened federal government. This is not a scholarly tome. Hogeland is not a professional historian, and he takes unwarranted liberties by imagining the mental states of characters, including George Washington and Alexander Hamilton. He views the rebellion as the culmination of a "people's movement" in which debtors struggled against creditors and poor farmers struggled against a merchant elite and their allies--land speculators. Of course, this is the economic determinism of Charles Beard in the form of a nonfiction novel. Although Hogeland's analysis is short on verifiable data, he knows how to tell an exciting story, and some of his assertions are worthy of consideration by serious historians. Brad Hooper Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved For William Hogeland, thinking about history is an act of moral inquiry and high citizenship. A searching and original voice. Rick Perlstein, author of Nixonland