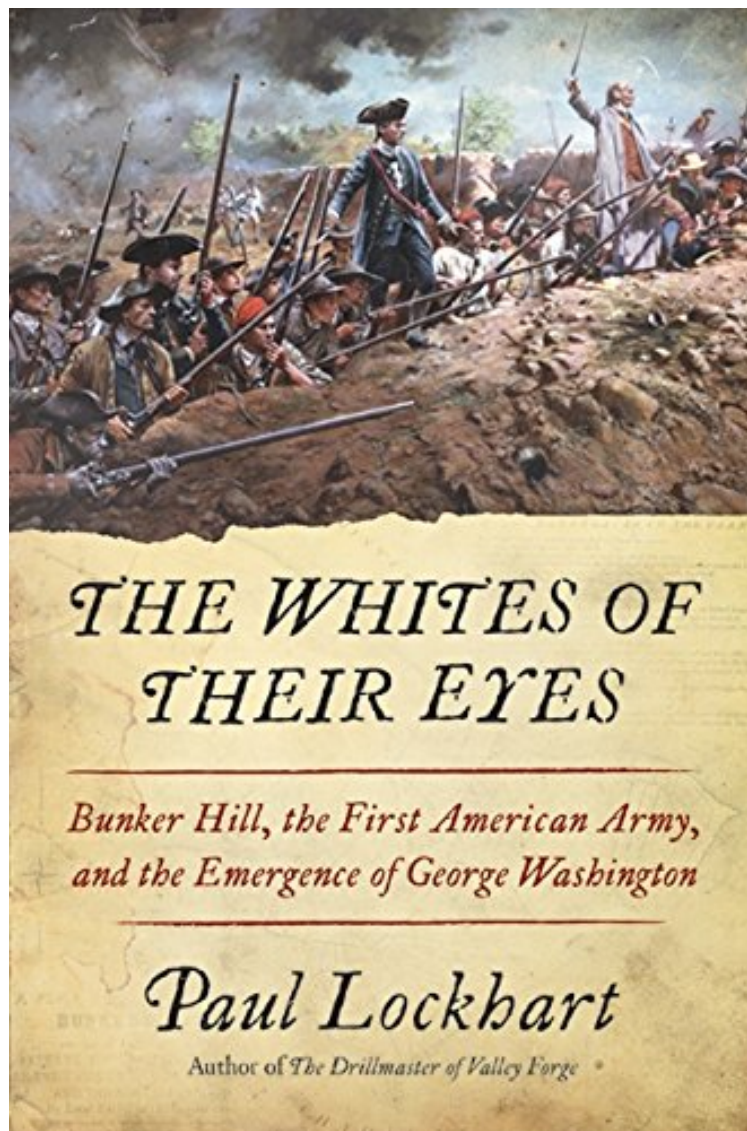


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3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. American mythBy Jonathan WellerThe Whites of Their Eyes: Bunker Hill, the First American Army, and the Emergence of George Washington is a rather in-depth account of the leading up to, and subsequent battle of Bunker Hill, as well as the appointment of George Washington as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army besieging Boston in 1775. The book covers a great majority of the year 1775, and gives hints at what would eventually happen in 1776 and beyond. Since I was a little child the Battle of Bunker Hill has long fascinated me because of its story of the upstart and ill trained Americans, being able to not only fight the more professional British soldiers, but to fight till the bitter end in some instances. The fact remains that the Americans were not outright defeated by the British, but only began falling back after their ammunition supply had been exhausted. Incredible story, no? That is the topic of this book by Paul Lockhart, and he does a tremendous and detailed work on the battle, and its subsequent meaning throughout the rest of the war. Lockhart lays out his work with precision and research that easily allow you to see the amount of love and effort that he put into his work on the battle. The book is engrossing and riveting, and often times makes you feel like you have a musket and you are standing behind the defenses waiting for the Brits to scale the hill. The book is a terrific glance at this American mythological battle, and provides a pathway to see why this underdog was able to scrap with, and eventually defeat a much bigger junkyard dog. While this work is truly engrossing for any fan of the Revolutionary American period, fans of more overview history may want to pass on this book. The author is extremely dedicated to his love of the period, and often goes really deep into detail. I had no issue with his depth, but some may find it to be a bit too deep for their liking. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Must read! By TOM OWENSI have a Master's in history and have read this book through twice. It is outstanding. The preface contains some of the most moving writing I have encountered since Bruce Canton's A Stillness at Appomattox. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Great Read Which Really Brings The Unsung Heroes of the American Revolution to Life By RJ StokelyThe Whites of Their Eyes: Bunker Hill, the First American Army, and the Emergence of George Washington is a good read for anyone interested in military or US History. Lockhart not only shows how and why Washington became the ultimate choice to lead the continental army, but demonstrates Washington's role during the siege at Boston. Boston itself is shown as a different place than it is today, as locations changed for different buildings and other purposes - all within 50 years. These changes in location and atmosphere are made very clear. Lockhart, while perhaps a bit technical at times (his descriptions of locations, and some of the more technical aspects of the Battle of Bunker Hill and events leading to it can get a bit tiresome) shows an excellent study of the unsung heroes of the revolution. The Whites of their Eyes provides detail into the lives of many men who are rarely discussed in classrooms but should be. The lives of Israel Putnam (who sounds like the basis for Natty Bumppo), Joseph Warren, William Prescott, and John Stark. These men were not only amazingly brave, but had great stories. Lockhart brings these stories to life, to the point that the reader feels they know these men. A great read, I would highly recommend it.

Drawing upon new research and scholarship, historian Paul Lockhart, author of the critically acclaimed Revolutionary War biography *The Drillmaster of Valley Forge*, offers a penetrating reassessment of the first major engagement of the American Revolution. In the tradition of David McCullough's *1776*, Lockhart illuminates the Battle of Bunker Hill as a crucial event in the creation of an American identity, dexterously interweaving the story of this pivotal pitched battle with two other momentous narratives: the creation of America's first army, and the rise of the man who led it, George Washington.

From Publishers Weekly Starred . The strengths and weaknesses of the early Revolutionary War effort are illuminated in this stimulating history (the second this season, after Thomas Nelson's *The Fire and the Sword*) of the first engagement and of the 1775 American siege of Boston. Historian Lockhart (*The Drillmaster of Valley Forge*) skillfully explains the factors that shaped it: the American blunder of fortifying Breed's Hill instead of the more defensible Bunker Hill; the British blunder of halting under fire instead of pressing home their bayonet charges; the ammunition shortfall on the American side that decided things; and the horrific British casualties. He sets the battle against a vivid portrait of the American army, a fractious, panicky, ill-disciplined force some of whose soldiers often walked off at the drop of a hat, but still managed to stand up to the vaunted Redcoats. (His account closes with an appalled George Washington taking over a camp that was the antithesis of Valley Forge.) Lockhart's shrewd, well-judged interpretation corrects myths about the battle and the men who fought it while doing full justice to their achievement in creating an army and a nation out of chaos. 17 bw photos; 2 maps. (June) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved. From the Back Cover Paul Lockhart combines military and political history to offer a major reassessment of one of the most famous battles in American history. One hot June afternoon in 1775, on the gentle slopes of a hill near Boston, Massachusetts, a small band of ordinary Americans frightened but fiercely determined dared to stand up to a superior British force. The clash would be immortalized as the Battle of Bunker Hill: the first real engagement of the American Revolution and one of the most famous battles in our history. But Bunker Hill was not the battle that we have been taught to believe it was. Revisiting old evidence and drawing on new research, historian Paul Lockhart, author of *The Drillmaster of Valley Forge*, shows that Bunker Hill was a clumsy engagement pitting one inexperienced army against

another. Lockhart tells the rest of the story, too: how a mob of armed civilians became America's first army; how George Washington set aside his comfortable patrician life to take command of the veterans of Bunker Hill; and how the forgotten heroes of 1775 though overshadowed by the more famous Founding Fathers kept the notion of American liberty alive, and thus made independence possible. About the Author Paul Lockhart is a professor of history at Wright State University, where he teaches European and military history. He lives in Dayton, Ohio.