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Brady J. Crytzer : War in the Peaceable Kingdom: The Kittanning Raid of 1756 before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised War in the Peaceable Kingdom: The Kittanning Raid of 1756:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Welcome AdditionBy Robert L. EmersonArmstrong's September 1756 attack on the Native village of Kittanning has been well covered in various journal articles but, until now, has lacked a book-length treatment. Crytzer delves into the political context of the raid, including the politics of both the Province of Pennsylvania and the Ohio Valley Delawares. His treatment of all parties involved seems fair and balanced. I had a couple of minor quibbles that did not detract from my enjoyment of the book. The terms provincials,

militia and rangers, are used interchangeably in reference to Armstrong's command. This is somewhat misleading (the terms have distinctive meanings). Also, when discussing the French and Native capture of Fort Granville, the text identifies the famous partisan officer Louis Coulon de Villiers as the leader of French troops on the raid. Many historians have made this error in the past. In fact Louis Coulon de Villiers was taking part in the siege and capture of Oswego NY in August of 1756. His brother Francois actually led the French troops in the Granville attack. Louis is the more famous brother because he forced George Washington's surrender at Fort Necessity in July 1754. Overall, this is a welcome addition to the study of the Pennsylvania frontier during the French and Indian War. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book By Matt Fielding Excellent book about a little known episode. Well written and interesting 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Raymond Martin Excellent book, very detailed, facts I did not know about Western Pa, history.

On the morning of September 8, 1756, a band of about three hundred volunteers of a newly created Pennsylvania militia led by Lt. Col. John Armstrong crept slowly through the western Pennsylvania brush. The night before they had reviewed a plan to quietly surround and attack the Lenape, or Delaware, Indian village of Kittanning. The Pennsylvanians had learned that several prominent Delaware who had led recent attacks on frontier settlements as well as a number of white prisoners were at the village. Seeking reprisal, Armstrong's force successfully assaulted Kittanning, killing one of the Delaware they sought, but causing most to flee along with their prisoners. Armstrong then ordered the village burned. The raid did not achieve all of its goals, but it did lead to the Indians relocating their villages further away from the frontier settlements. However, it was a major victory for those Pennsylvanians including some Quaker legislators who believed the colony must be able to defend itself from outside attack, whether from the French, Indians, or another colony. In *War in the Peaceable Kingdom: The Kittanning Raid of 1756*, historian Brady J. Crytzer follows the two major threads that intertwined at Kittanning: the French and Indian War that began in the Pennsylvania frontier, and the bitter struggle between pacifist Quakers and those Quakers and others most notably, Benjamin Franklin who supported the need to take up arms. It was a transformational moment for the American colonies. Rather than having a large, pacifist Pennsylvania in the heart of British North America, the colony now joined the others in training soldiers for defense. Ironically, it would be Pennsylvania soldiers who, in the early days of the American Revolution, would be crucial to the survival of George Washington's army.

Praise for *Guyasuta and the Fall of Indian America*: An entertaining, lively, and engaging story. This book will serve as an indispensable introduction for this era of Native American and colonial history. *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*