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Book Reviews

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Shaara makes the world of the American Revolution spring forth in vivid detail in this two-part series. It takes a third-person view of each man as he effects the development of the revolution, from Washington to Cornwallis, from Adams to John Paul Jones, from the wise eyes of Franklin to the haughty view of Howe. The first volume begins in the growing turmoil of 1770 and ends on the precipice of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the second follows the war to its dramatic conclusion.

Though sometimes a bit slow in the beginning, these stories easily draw the reader into the cause for liberty and the sometimes heartbreaking decisions made by those everyday men turned soldiers. Filled with clear battle maps and quotes, they are exceptionally well researched and capture the personalities of each of the revolutionary figures. The third-person perspective is intriguing, since each chapter focuses on one man alone, and it serves well to show the viewpoints held by both the Americans and the British. It demonizes no one, but proves them to be ordinary men put into extraordinary circumstances and rising to the challenge. Both are very gripping reads and though long (at roughly 500 pages each) are easily gotten through and leave the reader with a strong sense of satisfaction.

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