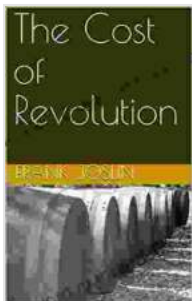


# The Cost of Revolution: Nancy Goldberg Levine Uncovers the Hidden Truths About the American Revolution



**The Cost of Revolution** by Nancy Goldberg Levine

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The American Revolution is often romanticized as a glorious struggle for independence and freedom. However, the true cost of the war was far greater than most people realize. In her groundbreaking book, "The Cost of Revolution: The American Revolution in Economic and Social Perspective," historian Nancy Goldberg Levine reveals the hidden financial and human costs of the war, and the complex economic and social challenges faced by the new nation.

Levine argues that the American Revolution was not simply a political conflict, but also a profound economic and social transformation. The war disrupted trade, destroyed property, and created massive debt. It also led to a sharp increase in inflation, poverty, and inequality. Levine shows that

the financial burden of the war fell disproportionately on the poor and middle class, while the wealthy elite profited from the conflict.

Levine also examines the impact of the war on social mobility and gender roles. She shows that the war created new opportunities for some people, particularly those who were able to profit from the war economy. However, it also led to a decline in social mobility for many others, and women's roles in society were largely unchanged.

"The Cost of Revolution" is a groundbreaking work of scholarship that sheds new light on the American Revolution. Levine's research reveals the true financial and human costs of the war, and the complex economic and social challenges faced by the new nation. Her book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the full impact of the American Revolution.

### **The Financial Costs of the Revolution**

The American Revolution was one of the most expensive wars in American history. The Continental Congress spent over \$200 million to finance the war effort, and the states borrowed an additional \$60 million. This debt was a major burden on the new nation, and it took decades to pay off.

The financial costs of the war were not evenly distributed. The wealthy elite were able to profit from the war economy, while the poor and middle class bore the brunt of the financial burden. Inflation, taxation, and debt all contributed to the economic hardship faced by many Americans during and after the war.

### **The Human Costs of the Revolution**

The American Revolution also had a devastating human cost. Over 25,000 Americans died in the war, and many more were wounded or disabled. The war also led to a sharp increase in poverty and inequality. Many Americans lost their homes, farms, and businesses during the war, and they were often forced to rely on charity or government assistance.

The human costs of the war were not limited to the battlefield. The war also disrupted families and communities. Many families were separated during the war, and many children were orphaned. The war also led to a decline in social mobility, and it made it more difficult for people to improve their lives.

### **The Social Impact of the Revolution**

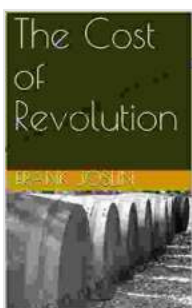
The American Revolution had a profound impact on American society. The war led to a new sense of national identity, and it helped to create a more democratic and egalitarian society. However, the war also exacerbated existing social tensions, and it led to a decline in social mobility for many Americans.

The war disrupted traditional gender roles, and it created new opportunities for women. However, women's roles in society were still largely unchanged after the war, and they continued to face discrimination and inequality.

The American Revolution was a watershed event in American history. It was a time of great upheaval and change, and it had a profound impact on the nation's economy, society, and culture. *The Cost of Revolution* by Nancy Goldberg Levine is a groundbreaking work of scholarship that sheds new light on the war and its aftermath. Levine's research reveals the true financial and human costs of the war, and the complex economic and social

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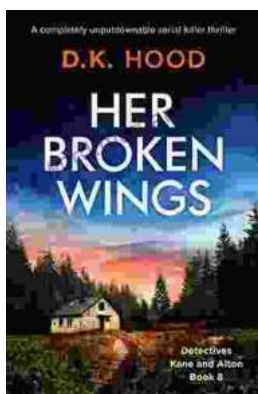
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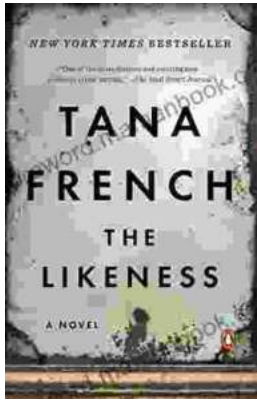
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