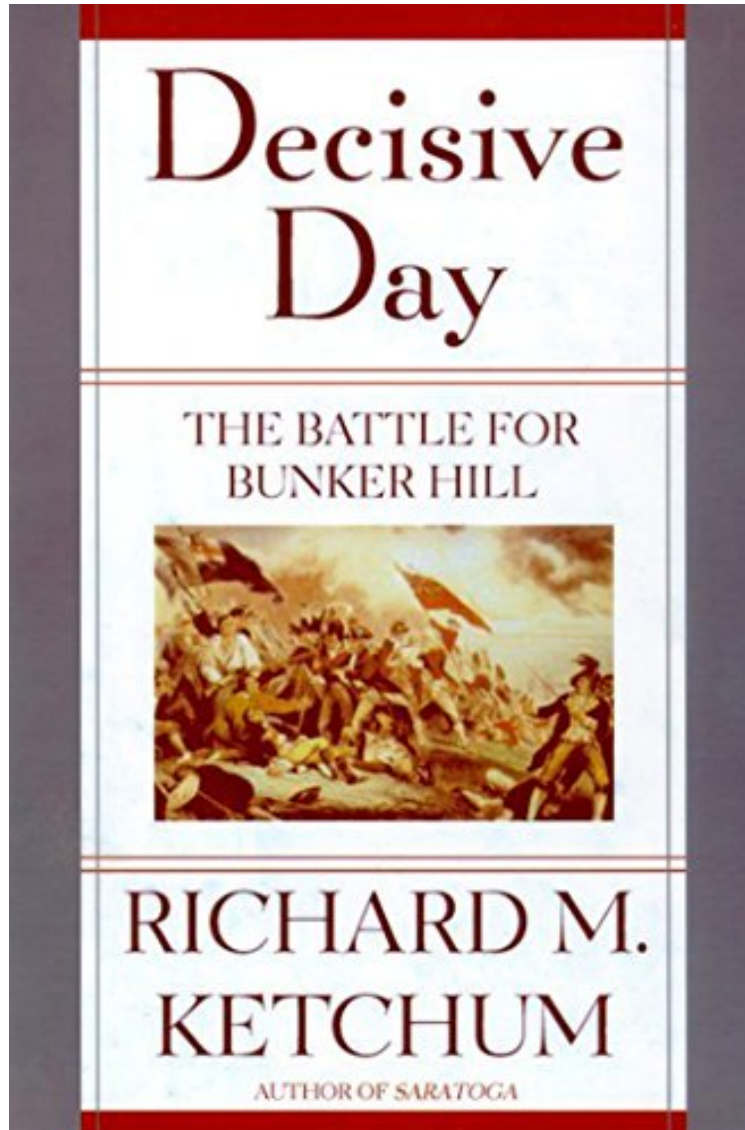


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Von Richard M. Ketchum : Decisive Day: The Battle for Bunker Hill before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Decisive Day: The Battle for Bunker Hill:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Superb account of the Battle of Bunker (Breeds) Hill! Von Mike Powers This is a beautifully written book, the first of three written so far by Richard Ketchum, on famous Revolutionary War battles. It tells the story of the first major military engagement of the American Revolution as does no other book I've ever read on the same subject. The author brings to

life the main characters and events of the story. He briefly introduces the major figures - British Generals Thomas Gage and William Howe, and American leaders Joseph Warren, General Israel Putnam, Colonel William Prescott, and Henry Knox - and traces the story of the conflict in the Boston area in the spring of 1775. Ketchum then sets the scene of the battle by describing how the Americans, chronically short of munitions, supplies and manpower, successfully avoided British detection and entrenched themselves on Breed's Hill (mistaking it for the higher Bunker Hill), and how the British reacted once they discovered the fortifications. Drawing on letters and other first-person accounts of the battle's participants and observers, both the American and British, Ketchum vividly describes the military action of June 17, 1775; I found myself almost able to hear the firing of guns, and smell the smoke of battle, as I read the final chapters of the book. As an avid reader of American History, I thought I knew everything about battle of Bunker Hill; however, Ketchum's powerfully written narrative introduced me to many new facts about the people and events of this, the first major battle in America's war for independence. It is a book of outstanding scholarship, and "must read" for anyone interested in American history. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Explains Well a Battle Everyone Knows Von Wayne A. Smith Ketchum has written a marvelous account of the Battle of Bunker Hill (Breed's Hill). I am sure almost every American knows this battle name, but few the battle. In the author's hands, the miraculous stand of American patriots against the King's finest is brought to life through diary entries, absorbing detail and a pace of writing that lends appropriate drama and excitement to the entire exercise. The author continues to mine an exciting story that has produced the fine works "Saratoga" and "The Winter Soldiers." I recommend both of these, in addition to "Decisive Day" for an enjoyable foray into our revolutionary struggle. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Why Read Fiction... Von Mark A. Savagewhen you can read well written, dramatic history that will keep you reading until your eyes give out. This is it right here. Well told, wonderfully worded, and vibrant in it's imagery, this book is top notch. I wish I had read this years ago. If only text books were written like this, we'd have a world full of historians. Mr. Ketchum tells a great story, and backs it up with solid scholarship and documentation. Even the notes in the back of the book are interesting. You first meet the people, Clinton, Howe, etc., then get to the story, and what a glorious story it is. It feels real, alive, and you are a part of it. I could almost smell the air it was described so well. Mr. Ketchum also treats the battle as the Decisive Day, events lead to it and then from it, and the magnatude of the Bunker/Breed's Hill Battle is truely felt, all the way to March 17, 1776 when the Brits finally leave Boston. Check this out: "...two parallel lines of 14 boats in single file, loaded to the gunwales with scarlet-coated British soldiers. Here was all the pageantry and color and drama of war in the 18th century manner, the face of battle that caught at men's hearts and made them see it as beautiful and majestic and terrible all at once." When you get to this in the book, it will jump out at you. You'll then understand the greatness of this book. Don't wait, get it now. 4 nights and you'll be finished, and moved by it.

Kurzbeschreibung Boston, 1775: A town occupied by General Thomas Gage's redcoats and groaning with Tory refugees from the Massachusetts countryside. Besieged for two months by a rabble in arms, the British decided to break out of town. American spies discovered their plans, and on the night of June 16, 1775, a thousand rebels marched out onto Charlestown peninsula and began digging a redoubt (not on Bunker Hill, which they had been ordered to fortify, but on Breeds Hill, well within cannon shot of the British batteries and ships). At daybreak, HMS Lively began firing. It was the opening round of a battle that saw unbelievable heroism and tragic blunders on both sides (a battle that marked a point of no return for England and her colonies), the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Richard M. Ketchum recounts the early developments of the American Revolution in Decisive Day: The Battle for Bunker Hill..de On the morning of June 17, 1775, British troops moved to secure the heights around Boston. Marching up an incline called Breed's Hill, they engaged a battered gathering of farmers and tradesmen who, the night before, had hastily constructed a defensive wall within range of the Royal Navy's artillery. Richard M. Ketchum tells the story of the ensuing fight in his breathtaking Decisive Day: The Battle for Bunker Hill. Ketchum explores what made that bloody, but relatively small, action decisive by probing the deteriorating relationships between New England and Britain during the months before the battle. He forcefully argues that both the British and American commanders were still seeking ways to make peace even as the guns began to fire. After June 17, 1775, the Americans and the British could view each other only as enemies. The author of two other books on the Revolutionary War (Saratoga and The Winter Soldiers), Ketchum has written an authoritative history of how Americans--especially the rank-and-file soldiers--won their nation through combat. In Decisive Day he argues that the remarkable transformation of American rebels into soldiers was a crucial, if intangible, episode within the battle. Indeed, as those tired and shell-shocked colonials waited on their ramparts for some of the most disciplined fighters in the world, they did not shoot haphazardly, but held their fire until they saw the whites of British eyes. --James Highfill Pressestimmen "A fine job . . . a marvelous feat." (Bruce Bliven, Jr., The New York Times Book)