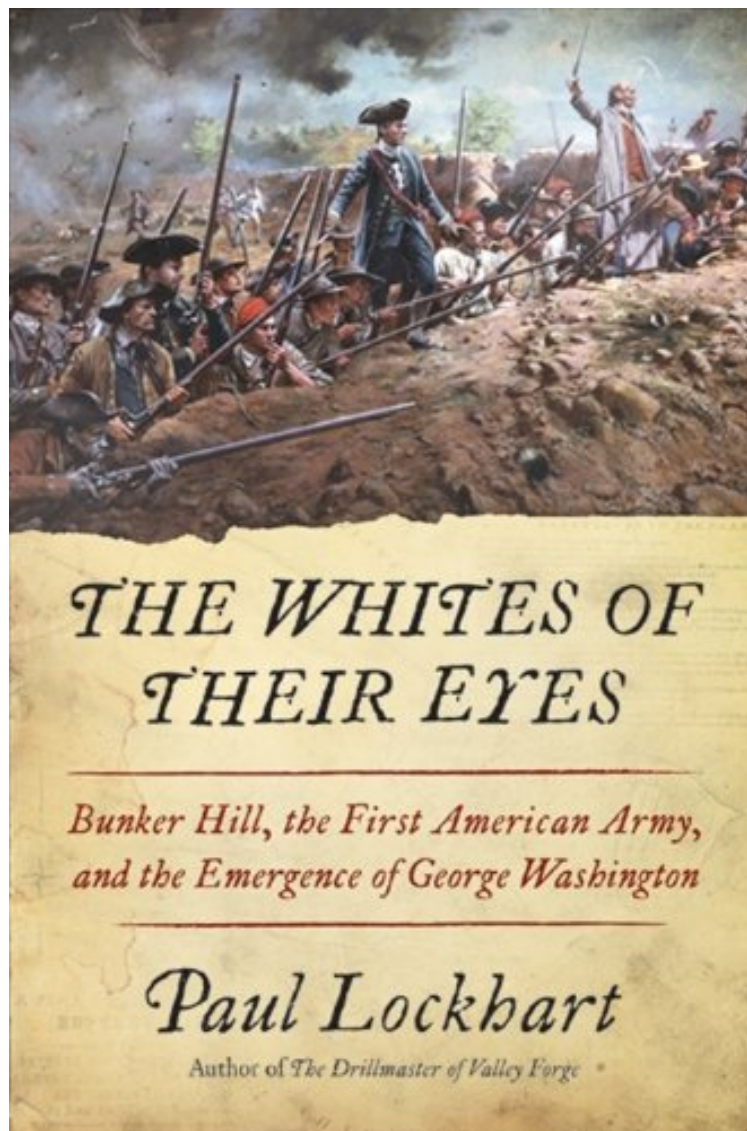


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Bunker Hill...Army... Geogre Washington, It Pulls It All TogetherVon James Gallen"The Whites of Their Eyes" tells the story of how the first American Army grew out of the Battle of Bunker Hill and the Battle for Boston. Many of us have heard of Paul Revere and Bunker Hill but I think that few of us are able to place it in the crucial context of its role in firmly placing both sides on the road to irreconcilable conflict. This book lays out the sequence of events that turned smoldering embers into a raging fire.As the story begins, the British are holed up in Boston while discontented colonists are organizing in the countryside. The April 1775 British excursion to seize ammunition stored at Concord, Massachusetts is repulsed by the Massachusetts militia at Lexington and Concord and turned into a hemorrhaging retreat as the British were harassed by patriots all the way back to Boston. The British were then trapped in Boston, unable to break out, but impenetrable to Colonist attack. The militia, under the command of Artemas Ward, met the challenge of holding together until the British did challenge and were bloodied at Bunker Hill. After that it was a stalemate again until the Americans got the idea to transfer the guns captured at Fort Ticonderoga to the Dorchester Heights outside of Boston. The vision of those guns forced the British to evacuate Boston forever, something that the British commander, Gen. Thomas Gage, had been contemplating for some time. At its end, Boston is in American hands, George Washington has taken command and the New England militia is on the way to becoming a regular, national army.On these pages the reader is privy to the selection of a commander for the American forces, which, though not inevitable, settles on George Washington. We are introduced to other characters whose names, if not their details, are familiar to us, Christopher Warren, Israel Putnam, Benedict Arnold, Thomas Gage, William Howe, John Burgoyne and many others. It debunks some myths too. No, the British Army was not the best in the world, its marksmanship was about as good as that of the Americans and it had been trained in American wilderness warfare and was not handicapped by its experience in European Wars.This book is very well written and has a knack of helping the reader to see how the facts of the early Revolution fall into place. I now have a much greater appreciation of the significance of Bunker Hill, Fort Ticonderoga and the transformation of the New England militia, that maintained the challenge to British authority together into the American Army that would, after years of hardship and many battles, win Independence. This book is a must for anyone seeking an understanding of the American Revolution.

KurzbeschreibungDrawingupon new research and scholarship, historian Paul Lockhart, author of thecritically acclaimed Revolutionary War biography The Drillmaster of ValleyForge, offers a penetrating reassessment of the first major engagement ofthe American Revolution. In the tradition of David McCulloughs 1776,Lockhart illuminates the Battle of Bunker Hill as a crucial event in thecreation of an American identity, dexterously interweaving the story of thispivotal pitched battle with two other momentous narratives: the creation ofAmericas first army, and the rise of the man who led it, George Washington.KurzbeschreibungDrawingupon new research and scholarship, historian Paul Lockhart, author of thecritically acclaimed Revolutionary War biography The Drillmaster of ValleyForge, offers a penetrating reassessment of the first major engagement ofthe American Revolution. In the tradition of David McCulloughs 1776,Lockhart illuminates the Battle of Bunker Hill as a crucial event in thecreation of an American identity, dexterously interweaving the story of thispivotal pitched battle with two other momentous narratives: the creation ofAmericas first army, and the rise of the man who led it, George Washington.BuchrckseitePaul 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 Americansfrightened but fiercely determineddared 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 1775though overshadowed by themore famous Founding Fatherskept the notion of American liberty alive, and thus made independence possible.