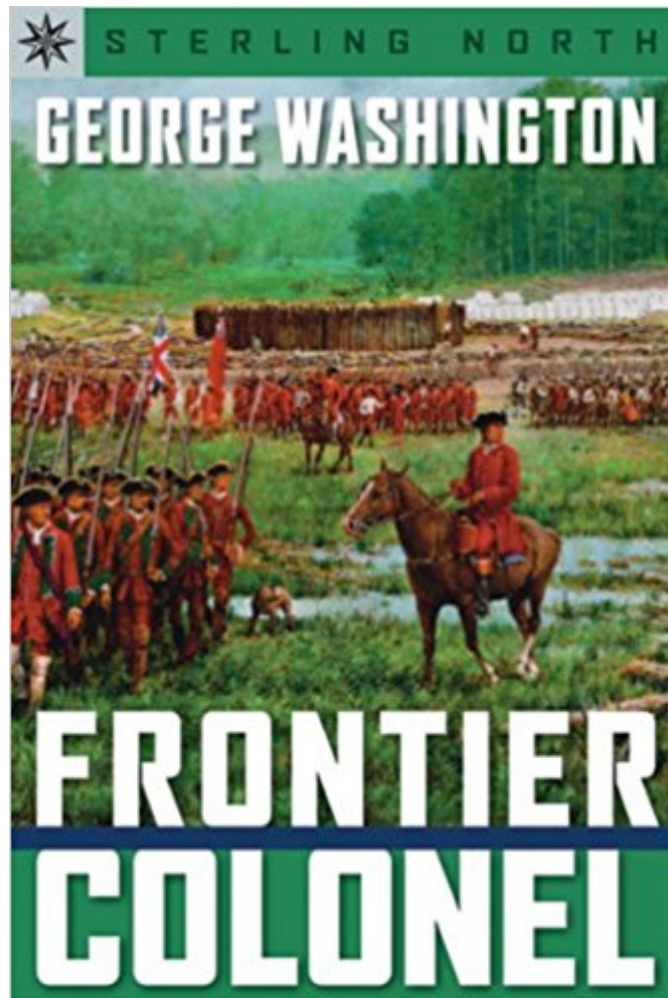




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Sterling Point Books: George Washington: Frontier Colonel



Synopsis

Sterling North, author of the award-winning children's classic *Rascal*, tells the tale of the Father of Our Country and how he became one of the greatest leaders of all time. Focusing particularly on Washington's youth, North fully captures the spirit of the man as he examines his childhood in colonial Virginia, his early experiences as a member of the militia, and his many other adventures leading up to the Revolutionary War. The fully rounded person who emerges from this captivating portrait is uncomfortable with words, shy with women, totally at home in the outdoors, and deeply in love with the country he helped found.

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Customer Reviews

Sterling North wrote several children's books, including *Rascal* which later became a Disney film. North died in 1974.

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Our grandsons are related to Sterling North. Kind of like Ancestry dot com in book form. They were

pleased to get them for Christmas.

When I first received this book in the mail I was extremely annoyed. I thought I was receiving an adult book. The mistake was mine, for not reading the description carefully enough. However, since I had the book in hand, I decided to read it. After all, it was only 154 pages of large print text which promised to go quickly. Upon beginning to read, I quickly discovered to my surprise that I was not put off by children's wording. I did not feel that I was reading a "dumb-down" biography. It simply read like a very condensed summary of the life of George Washington. Some stories are shortened and full information omitted, yet I found North's presentation interesting, informative and worth the time. Another observation: much of what is presented in adult level biographies will be found boring or irrelevant (in the minds of youth). This presentation acquaints young students with Mr. Washington without overloading them. "Frontier Colonel" focuses on the very basics of who he was, what his early life was like, what he went through as a child and youth, up to the start of the American Revolution, then touches briefly on his marriage and final retirement and reputation. "Frontier Colonel" fits in very nicely with another book I read following it, "His Excellency: George Washington". "Frontier Colonel" presents more of his youth, less of his years before 1776 and very little of the years up to his death. "His Excellency" presents very little about his childhood, more about the years just before the Revolution and much about his generalship, his presidency, and his retirement years. I give a strong recommendation on Sterling North's presentation for both youth and for an adult supplement to full biographies. Five stars: it does what it is designed to do, speak to youth, very well. Note: This book WAS NOT in paperback. It was in hardback. This may be irrelevant, but just for the record....

This biography takes the reader from George Washington's birth past the French and Indian War when he takes his place as a legislator in the Virginia House of Burgesses. It is a quiet, interesting biography I was thrilled to read. I get a sense of George Washington as a man and a person, not just as a figurehead. George had no experience soldiering or as a leader when he became a colonel in the British Colonial Army. He has status and rank but that is about it. He fought the French and made the first move though provoked by the French who were spying on his troops. George was not the best lover in the world. He found it difficult to court and retain eligible girls for marriage. He was lucky in finding Martha who it seems suited him though it was originally a marriage of convenience on both sides. This book really was interesting and I quite enjoyed it.

I thought that the book was boring but that's just me. Most people would probably say that this book was interesting. I thought it was a bunch of detailed facts. There is no talking in the book but there are a couple letters. I wouldn't recommend this for someone in grades 1-9. If you would like to know more about George Washington I think you would probably like this book. This book is about George Washington's life from when he was born, to when he became president. It tells about when he went with his sick brother to an island, he was in the Virginia militia, and how he fought in the French and Indian war. If you want to know more, read the book.

I love reading about George Washington, and visiting Mt. Vernon was one of the highlights of my life. I also tutor children from ages 9-16. I have been looking for a book on Washington for children and teens that is exciting, not too reverential, and accurate. Unfortunately, this book, while accurate, is written in the worshipful style of the 1950's. I can't see what age group this book would appeal to: it is too detailed and rather dry for elementary school children, and too simply written for teens. An admirable attempt, but a boring read.

this book was the worst book I have ever read. it was more interesting reading a stop sign. if you have any intelligence you should NOT READ This book! i have read hundreds of books and this was the boringest. it made sense but was very dull and i would never recommend it. i feel terrible for the children who got this book for christmas. i love books and read 500 page books within 3 days. this book is only 154 pages and i almost fell asleep within the first page. it took me over 5 weeks to read this book and i had to read 45 minutes a night for all those weeks for school i have seen my 2 year old sister read better books than you. you should be ashamed

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