

# The Epic Campaign of 1776: A Comprehensive Guide to the Battle of New York and Brooklyn

The year 1776 marked a pivotal turning point in the American Revolutionary War, with a series of decisive battles fought around New York and Brooklyn. The Campaign of 1776: Around New York and Brooklyn, written by renowned historian John Ferling, meticulously recounts this pivotal chapter in American history, offering a comprehensive and immersive account of the key events that unfolded. From the strategic decisions made by both sides to the harrowing experiences of soldiers and civilians alike, this book captivates readers with its thorough research and engaging narrative.

## The Prelude: Gathering Forces

The origins of the 1776 campaign can be traced back to the events of 1775, when the British launched a series of attacks against the American colonies. In response, the Continental Congress authorized the formation of a Continental Army under the command of George Washington. By the spring of 1776, both sides had assembled their forces, with the British under the command of General William Howe and the Americans under Washington's leadership.



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## **The Battle of Long Island**

The first major engagement of the campaign was the Battle of Long Island, fought on August 27, 1776. The British, with superior numbers and firepower, launched a surprise attack on the American positions on Brooklyn Heights. The Americans fought valiantly, but were ultimately overwhelmed by the British onslaught. Washington's army was forced to retreat across the East River to Manhattan Island.



## **The Retreat Across New Jersey**

The retreat across New Jersey was a harrowing experience for Washington's army. The troops were exhausted, hungry, and disillusioned. Yet, Washington's leadership and resolve kept them going. In a series of brilliant maneuvers, he managed to outmaneuver the British and avoid capture.

## **The Battle of Trenton**

The climax of the campaign came with the Battle of Trenton on December 26, 1776. Washington led a surprise attack against the Hessian mercenaries stationed in Trenton, New Jersey. The Americans achieved a decisive victory, capturing over 1,000 prisoners and boosting their morale.



The Battle of Trenton, December 26, 1776. Image courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

## **The Battle of Princeton**

Building on the success of Trenton, Washington pressed his advantage by attacking the British forces at Princeton, New Jersey. The Americans won another victory, further bolstering their spirits and proving that they were a force to be reckoned with.

## **The Impact of the Campaign**

The Campaign of 1776 around New York and Brooklyn had a profound impact on the course of the American Revolution. The British victories at Long Island and Brooklyn gave them control over New York City, but American victories at Trenton and Princeton restored American morale and showed that the war was far from over. The campaign also highlighted the leadership of George Washington and the determination of the American people to fight for their independence.

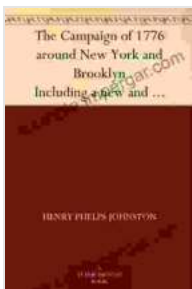
## **Reviews and Endorsements**

"John Ferling's *The Campaign of 1776* is a masterfully researched and elegantly written account of one of the most critical campaigns in American history. Ferling's deep understanding of the military, political, and social context of the war brings this pivotal chapter to life with unparalleled clarity and richness." - Professor Alan Taylor, University of California, Berkeley

"Ferling's book is a must-read for anyone interested in the American Revolution. It provides a comprehensive and engaging account of the campaign of 1776, capturing the drama, intrigue, and significance of this

pivotal moment in our nation's history." - Dr. James Kirby Martin, author of Benedict Arnold: Revolutionary Hero, American Traitor

The Campaign of 1776: Around New York and Brooklyn is an essential resource for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the American Revolution. John Ferling's comprehensive research and engaging narrative provide a gripping account of the key events of the campaign, while also shedding light on the larger context of the war. This book is a valuable addition to the bookshelf of any history enthusiast or anyone interested in the shaping of the United States.



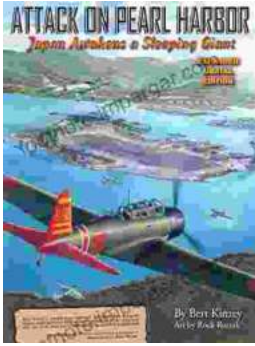
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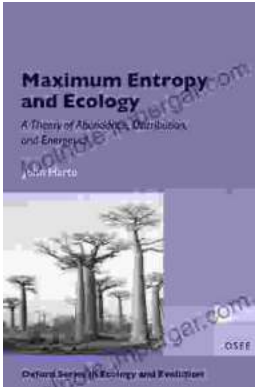
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