



An American Patriot

A Revolutionary War Soldier's Fight For Liberty And Love

Blurb

An American Patriot is a historically grounded novel inspired by the true life of Thomas Elwell, a Revolutionary War soldier and the author's fifth great-grandfather, whose story survived only through fragments of military records - until now.

The narrative unfolds through a deeply personal frame: a son seated at his father's graveside, speaking aloud the story he wishes he could have shared in life. As the author recounts Elwell's journey from the colonial frontier to the battlefields of the American Revolution. Past and present quietly intertwine, reminding the reader that history is not only something we study, but something we inherit.

Drawn from years of genealogical research and grounded in documented events, the novel traces Elwell's evolution from an adventurous young man into a soldier shaped by hardship, loyalty, love, and loss. The story moves through pivotal moments of the Revolutionary era while never losing sight of the human cost borne by ordinary people whose names rarely appear in textbooks.

Blending careful historical detail with imaginative reconstruction, *An American Patriot* honours the countless men and women who helped secure American independence—and the generations who carry their stories forward. Written for readers who value accuracy, reflection, and narrative depth, this is a novel about legacy, memory, and the enduring bond between past and present.

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A story to educate us on what so many sacrificed for us to live the lives we have. I cheered, I cried, I felt like I was right there! A fantastic book! I highly recommend! This is one that I will read again!

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I wanted to walk in the shoes of those brave people who fought for our independence 250 years ago. Like the author, my five times great grandfather also fought in the American revolution, so I was doubly interested. The graphic battle scenes put me on the front line, feeling like I was dodging cannon fire and flying projectiles. When Thomas was captured and imprisoned in Hell, I felt like I was suffering alongside of him. What I didn't expect was to be so choked up when Thomas said goodbye to his oldest, dearest friend, or that I would be so touched by his love story.

I can't recommend this book enough for lovers of history, patriotism, heroism, deep friendship, and the warmest of love stories that began in the bitter winter of Valley Forge.