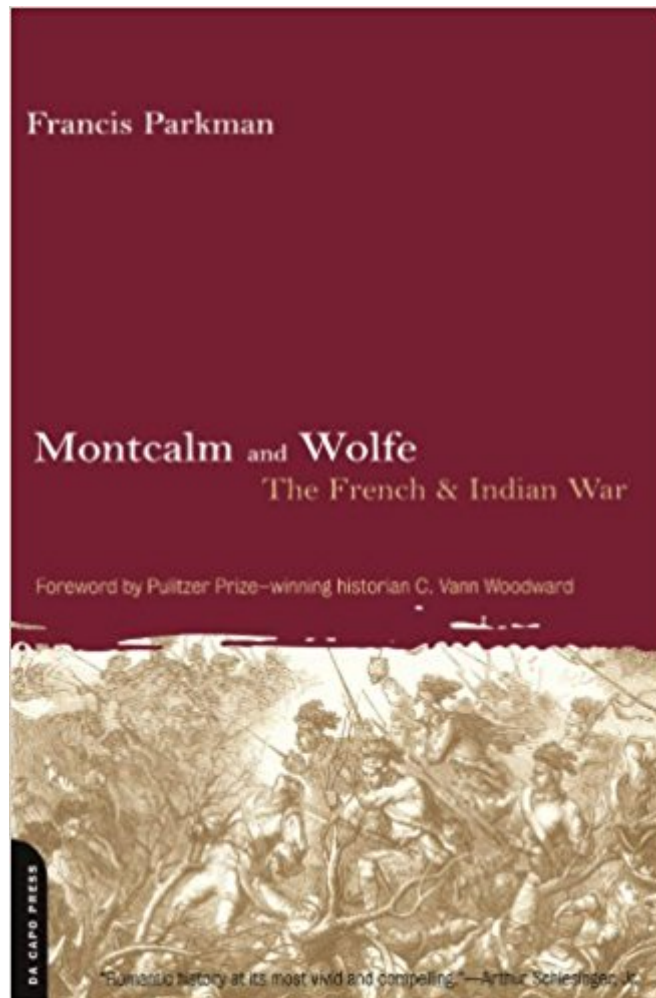




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Montcalme and Wolfe frames the war years through the lives of its two brilliant opposing generals. Weaving together the campaigns on both sides of the Atlantic. Parkman travels from opulent royal courts to muddy colonial fields, from Fort Necessity to the Plains of Abraham. He couples impeccable history with rich insightful narration, revealing the war as a deeply personal conflict between Louis de Montcalm and James Wolfe, the two ambitious leaders who ultimately died heroes' deaths on the frontlines. Accompanied by over forty detailed maps and illustrations; some selected specially for this edition; Parkman's timeless work shows how the enormous transfer of land from France to England at the war's end sowed the first seeds of colonialism; seeds that, in the due course, led America to its revolution, and eventually, its independence.

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"Parkman...combined faultless research with the narrative powers of a novelist." --Edmund Morris
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The result of over forty years of passionate research, Montcalm and Wolfe is the epic story of Europe's struggle for dominance of the New World. Centuries of rivalry and greed between the great imperial powers culminated in five brutal years of war; resulted in the death of both generals, Louis de Montcalm and James Wolfe; and ultimately sowed the seeds of the American Revolution, fought

a scant seventeen years later. A brilliant work of scholarship as well as a riveting read, Montcalm and Wolfe was thought by many, including the author, to be Parkman's greatest work. It is an essential part of any military history collection. The books in the Modern Library War series have been chosen by series editor Caleb Carr according to the significance of their subject matter, their contribution to the field of military history, and their literary merit. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

The content of the book is great - 5 stars, as for this re-print I'm giving it 3 stars. This has to be the worst reprinting that I've seen in the US. Its cheaply made and nowhere near worth the price it sells for. It doesn't have the book title on the binder which in my opinion makes it good for nothing but the fireplace (after reading of course) - so you put it on a bookshelf and there is nothing to indicate what the book is - makes me wonder what the library would do with, probably toss it in the dumpster. It is cheaply made with binder splitting almost guaranteed after a second reading - thus I'm giving it 3 stars for the book - 5 stars for content. The content is outstanding, giving a reader an insight on British and French jockeying for power in North America and interactions with the Indians. It gives an understanding of what led to the Revolutionary War and the small role played by Washington (you know the 1st US President) in the French Indian War. It also talks of what was going on in the World - especially the Seven Years War, but it is mostly on the machinations of the French and British.

"Montcalm and Wolfe" is simply a wonderful work of history. Francis Parkman is considered by many scholars to be the greatest American historian ever. This book is his masterpiece, written in 1884 as the final volume of his multi-volume work "France and England in North America." It tells the story of the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War), which is probably the most historically decisive war ever fought on the North American continent. Parkman writes with precision, eloquence, and objectivity. With his vivid and fast paced narrative, he demonstrates a wonderful flair dramatizing history. At the same time, his tremendous knowledge about this vast and complex subject is evident on every page. For me, the most fascinating parts of this book were the chapters which described the conflict for Acadia, and the ultimate forced evacuation of the Acadians by the British; Braddock's defeat; and the battles of Louisbourg and Quebec. Parkman's descriptions of these key events, and the personalities behind them, make them seem to come alive. Parkman writes in the romantic style popular in the late nineteenth century; yet, his prose is of such high quality that it never seems dated. In fact, as I was reading, I found it difficult to remember

that "Montcalm and Wolfe" was written over a century ago! This book, which is already a timeless classic, is essential reading for those interested in the Seven Years' War. Most highly recommended.

"Montcalm and Wolfe" is the preeminent history of the French & Indian War to be written in the 1800s. Recent research has added to our knowledge, but for the most part Parkman's work remains trustworthy. It is especially valuable for those who want to see if he might be the source for the opinions of others. One criticism of this book, which is a matter of opinion more than of fact, is that Parkman takes the side of the English too much to be considered objective. In my view, he is clear enough when it is that he is stating facts and when he is expressing his own prejudices, that this is not a defect in the work as a whole. Simply put, care must be taken to distinguish the two. The format and typography are unfortunate. The text is clear enough, but it betrays its origins as a transcription (by typewriter) rather than a photoreprint. Nevertheless, this book is a "must" for the serious student of the French & Indian War; and this transcribed edition makes it affordable.

Some of the best History I've read in a while. Because it was written in the late 1800's, using the English language of the time, it's a joy to be reminded how descriptive and intelligent sounding our language once was!

Parkman must have researched nearly all available primary sources and exhaustively footnoted them! Many excerpts are in French, which I can't read much of, but it shows an extremely high level of scholarship. He writes a good narrative and even provides a brief outline of each chapter. Just as good now as it was when written in the 1880s!

this is one of the best histories that i have ever read. i own the hardback and wanted to have the kindle version for easy travel reading. he brought life to this most important conflict on the plains of abraham. i particularly enjoyed it as we were on a cruise that brought us to quebec city and to the plains of abraham. the events seem more immediate as america was a young country still. his english is elegant without the pomposity that often afflicts professional historians.

Excellent book and well researched for the time. A good deal of historical information and fascinating for someone who lives close to Canada and spent some education years there. I am particularly interested in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces and the history of the Acadians.

Francis Parkman is my man who knows how to write history. He did a great job ..He is my favorite author when it comes to North America history.

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