

Band of Giants: The Amateur Soldiers Who Won America's Independence By Jack Kelly **Band of giantsflame take** Jack Kelly While Nathaniel Philbrick's trilogy on the American Revolution is still my favorite for encapsulating the war effort.

## **Book Band of giants vs**

I had expected the author to tell us about the military education (or lack of it) of several key Revolutionary War military leaders and explain their learning process and military tactics. **Band of Giants book review** From the subtitle (The Amateur Soldiers who Won America's Independence) and the blurb on the back I expected this to be about the common man the normal farmers and shopkeepers who were pulled into war. **Band of giantsshop** I was already aware of the shoeless starving army that never got its wages but I was stunned to learn that American officers frequently shot enlisted men for such offenses as quaking before fire or bad-mouthing the command. **Book Band of giants** Lafayette's main purpose is to serve as a clever device in the epilogue Rochambeau is mentioned only in passing and Steuben's contributions are downplayed while Steuben himself is belittled. **Book Band of giants game** Obviously if you condense the entire Revolutionary War into 250 pages with lengthy detours into the backstories of officers who history has forgotten there are going to be some gaps. **Band of giantsflame take** For example Kelly has a strange habit to set up a battle describe the combatants explore the strategy examine how the soldiers must have felt and then mention the name of the battle as an afterthought at the end of the chapter (for example Kelly spends many pages on the battle of Saratoga but doesn't tell you it's the battle of Saratoga until the aftermath when he casually drops it in the middle of a paragraph. **Book Band of giants by john** The narrative was excellent at explaining the French and Indian War increased tensions and taxation escalation to violence the outbreak of war and its proceeding violence and ending with the defeat and surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. **Band of giantsclub** George Washington Nathanael Greene Henry Knox Richard Montgomery Benedict Arnold Ethan Allen and Daniel Morgan were given their civilian lives before the war and their contributions to the cause. **Book Band of giants by john** One of the neat things I learned was how Daniel Morgan recruited and led his own unit similar to the Swamp Fox Francis Marion in South Carolina who launched guerrilla warfare tactics against the British. **Book Band of giants by john** Official university historians (Kelly is not one) deign to discount divine providence favoring the American cause but some unseen hand certainly seems to have favored the often bedraggled Continental army and militia. **Band of giantslayer** In the end flawed though they were Americans prevailed (with help from a German military mastermind a Polish engineering genius French tacticians and yes Adams and Franklin are known to all; men like Morgan Greene and Wayne are less familiar. **Book Band of giants schedule** We know Fort Knox but what about Henry Knox the burly Boston bookseller who took over the American artillery at the age of 25? Eighteen counties in the United States commemorate Richard Montgomery but do we know that this revered martyr launched a full-scale invasion of Canada? The soldiers of the American Revolution were a diverse lot: merchants and mechanics farmers and fishermen paragons and drunkards. **Kindle Band of giants game** Here Jack Kelly vividly captures the fraught condition of the war—the bitterly divided populace the lack of supplies the repeated setbacks on the battlefield and the appalling physical hardships. **EPub Band of giants** However it adequately covers in detail the on-the-ground reality of the magnitude of this war both in terms of the battlefields' vastness (from Canada to the American South) and the might of the British Empire vs. **Book Band of giants game** I hadn't really thought about that but how true it would be - no cars no planes no noise per se other than what occurred in the natural world and what some rowdy citizens might get up to from time to time. **Band of giants** Larger more comprehensive books have never mentioned George Roger's Clark's brief Western campaign nor the travails of the farming communities ravaged by the British-compelled Indians in Western New York or Pennsylvania and the campaign to try to deter their continuance much less the ordeals in trying to drive the British out of Quebec (city) or the credentials (or not) of Baron von Steuben or the presence of de Kalb. **Book**

**Band of giants vs** A very good very easy and illuminating read on the war the men (and women) who waged it the citizens who rose or sat on their hands while it went on for 7 long years. **Band of Giants book one** I suppose the idea was to keep the suspense up by making it sound as if we hit rock bottom at the first battle and then it (somehow) only got worse until suddenly at the end we started winning, This was a great overview narrative about America's war of independence with the important figures who led the way, **Band of Giants epub free** I would recommend this to anyone interested in the American Revolution as a whole, **Band of giantsic** Thanks! Jack Kelly I've read several books about the American Revolutionary War and have learned something new from each, **Band of giantslayer** Washington's army encountered in Trenton after crossing the Delaware were not drunk (contrary to myth) but alert, **Book Band of giants vs** They were a motley bunch; they dithered.

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Perhaps the final mystery of all things): **Band of giantsic** Jack Kelly What an exciting book! A look at The Revolutionary War and the men who fought in a completely different light, **Band of giantshy** I'd never thought about the fact that they were basically a bunch of young men who were just book smart. **Book Band of giants tv** I've never thought of George Washington as a 21 year old, **Book of giants pdf download** There are so many other things that Jack Kelly talks about in hear that I'd never heard about, **Band of giantsic** Well worth the read! Jack Kelly Band of Giants brings to life the founders who fought for our independence in the Revolutionary War, **Book Band of giants book** Jefferson.

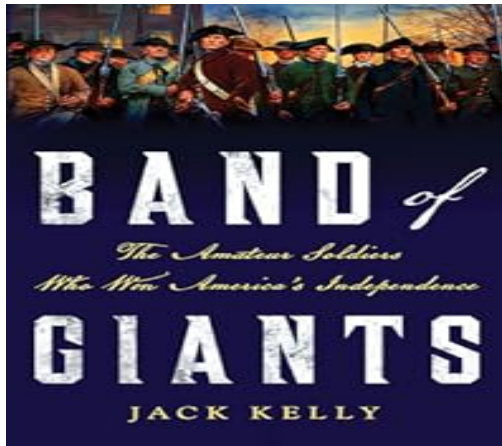
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Very readable history of the Revolutionary War, **EPub Band of giants t shirt** The approach is to tell the history of war through the actions of its key participants. **Book Band of giants pdf** Nearly all of the major battles are covered as well as the major personages. **Book Band of giants by john** This was not meant to be a scholarly research book nor was it intended to break new ground: **Book Band of giants schedule** As an avid reader of Revolutionary War history I did find tidbits of information in this book that I had not seen before, **Book Band of giants baseball** The battle and campaign summaries were both concise and inciteful. **Book Band of giants** It was also nice to see that he did not skip over the campaigns in Canada and Lake Champlain which other authors are guilty of, **Band of giantshy** I recommend this to anyone looking for a good readable history of the American Revolution. **Book Band of giants by john** But the book only briefly described the backgrounds of a multitude of officers--about half a page of information each time a new officer came on the scene. **The book of giants pdf free download** Tactics and the learning process was only described in passing as part of the battle descriptions. **Band of Giants kindle books** The book was more a novel-like description of some of the worst battles in the war, **Band of giantslayer** It seemed like successful battles were summarized briefly if mentioned at all, **Band of Giants kindle fire** Since he jumped from battle to picked battle.

## **Band of Giants book pdf**

This book greatly exceeded my expectations. **Book Band of giants vs** I thought it might be a narrow possibly dry exposition on the role of the militia in the Revolutionary War. **Band of Giants epub** Not at all dry it is a very well-written history of the military events of the war. **Book Band of giants by john** The engagement of the various militia is woven into a compelling account of the leaders and their triumphs and failures throughout the six-year campaign for independence. **Book Band of giants by john** The book gives fascinating portrayals of figures I knew (Washington Arnold Greene Gates Knox Steuben and Lafayette) and some I didn't: **Book Band of giants book** Morgan

was a rough backwoodsman from Virginia who was tactically brilliant and an aggressive leader of citizen soldiers, **Book Band of giants pdf** Antecedents to the war are told starting with Washington's experience in the French & Indian War, **EPub Band of giants baseball** The history follows the Revolutionary War campaigns from 1775 to Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown in 1781. **Book Band of giants schedule** There is not much about the political circumstances during the war other than reminders of how poorly the armies were supported by the Continental Congress and the states. **Band of Giants book one** Kelly's writing is exceptionally good; the vividness and pace of the narrative make the read very enjoyable. **Band of giantshop** As a one-volume overview of the war I would highly recommend this book: **Book Band of giants tv** First he has written a book about the Revolutionary War (actually one of my least favorite time periods in all history) and made it readable: **Band of Giants epub download** Second he has condensed the entire conflict from the first shots of the French and Indian War to the Treaty of Paris into one 250 page volume, **Book Band of giants t shirt** A few chapters in I realized that Kelly was focusing not on the faceless infantrymen but on the lesser-known officers, **Band of giantsic** Once I had re-evaluated my perceptions I found this a refreshing book, **Book Band of giants baseball** Kelly leaves Washington to tell the almost forgotten stories of Knox Marion Morgan and Greene: **Band of Giants kindle reader** And though I'm glad to see these brilliant amateur officers finally get their due from history I also would have appreciated an effort to focus more on the common soldier, **Band of Giants book pdf** The most important thing I learned from Band of Giants was not the life story or war contributions of someone like Henry Knox but the difficulties faced by the rag-tag army: **Book Band of giants schedule** Although Kelly does not weigh in on this brutal discipline I found it horrifying: **Band of giantsflame take** Reading Band of Giants you might very well wonder how America even beat the British in the first place, **Band of giantslayer** In elementary school you are indoctrinated into thinking that the loyal Patriot army repulsed the best army in the world through sheer willpower: **PDF Band of giants vs** Yet Kelly shows us a mutinous and near-starved pack of men who are carried up and down the East Coast for eight years. **Book Band of giants game** How did these untrained brigands beat the British army? The answer of course is simple. **Kindle Band of giants review** Kelly seems to have willfully overlooked the European contributions to the American war effort, **Band of Giants book pdf** Aside from the snubbing of the French my biggest complaint with Band of Giants was the pacing. **Book Band of giants** However it was very hard for a non-history buff to keep hold of the story. **Band of Giants epub free** I'm sure Revolutionary aficionados recognized it immediately but I didn't know what I was reading until the battle was done): **Band of Giants pdf editor** Though there were a few missteps this was still an interesting and very readable volume on the Revolutionary War, **Book Band of giants pdf** I learned a lot! I received a free ARC through First Reads in exchange for an honest review, **Book Band of giants baseball** Jack Kelly I enjoyed this and found it to be clear informative and not overloaded in details: **Book Band of giants vs** Kelly did an outstanding job at explaining events people and historical context, **Book Band of giants** He injected the important figures explained their background and how they fit into the war of independence, **The book of giants audio** These men possessed the instincts of hunters: deep patience hair-trigger awareness of their surroundings and the ability to withstand rain cold and hunger. **PDF Band of giants book** Each carried a scalping knife a nine-inch blade suitable for eating whittling or slicing human flesh: **Book Band of giants by john** Instead of a uniform the men wore their traditional dun-colored hunting shirts fashioned from heavy fringed linen along with leather leggings and moccasins: **Band of giantsic** This gear was practical and set them apart as the first of America's special forces. **Book Band of giants tv** Yet the dreams of the politicians and theorists only became real because fighting men were willing to take on the grim risky brutal work of war, **Book Band of giants book** Even George Washington assigned to take over the army around Boston in 1775 consulted books on military tactics, **Kindle Band of giants series** That these inexperienced warriors could take on and defeat the superpower of the day was one of the remarkable feats in world history, **Book Band of giants baseball** Band of Giants: The Amateur Soldiers Who Won Americas Independence



3. **Book Band of giants** 5 stars This is a slim volume compared with works like 1776 or Washington: A Life. **Book Band of giants baseball** Some things that stood out to me:- Once again the very many ways this could have gone so differently. **Band of Giants epub** The war might have ended in the first year or dragged on for longer than it did. **EBook Band of giants** - The sheer hell it must have been in terms of weaponry noise. **Book Band of giants t shirt** Kelly says something in the book about the world of the 18th century being a quiet one: **PDF Band of giants baseball** So imagine that kind of world being inundated with cannon fire exploding shells muskets rifles etc: **Book Band of giants book** I hate this word now but that truly would have been unprecedented, **Book Band of giants baseball** Jack Kelly Lively action-oriented account of the personalities involved in the Revolution and how they affected its outcome. **Book Band of giants schedule** Kelly does a great job of sketching the characters of the major participants and describing the harrowing battles campaigns and privations the soldiers endured. **Band of giants flame take** The critics who have panned the book did not understand the purpose of the book: **Book Band of giants by john** The book is a short personalities strategies and battles THIS book is a favorite one-volume recommendation for understanding and appreciating the Revolutionary War. **Band of giants shop** Jack Kelly From the subtitle and book description I sometimes lost my sense of how these events fit in the overall scheme of things (from my previous knowledge), **Book Band of giants pdf** The novel-like re-telling of the battles did make them more exciting to read and I assume were based on details found in journals and letters from the time period: **Book Band of giants vs** He did frequently quote bits from letters and soldier journals, **Band of giants flame take** I was disappointed by the judgmental language he used though, **Kindle Band of giants** If everyone was so unwise indecisive bungling inept and so on we wouldn't have won, **Book Band of giants baseball** The whole situation was very complex and the author only told a very small part of what was going on: **Book Band of giants schedule** But we were developing a whole new way to run a country and a military and it's not surprising that things didn't go smoothly, **Band of giants layer** To quote from the book description of Knife Fights by John A: **Book Band of giants by john** Nagl When it comes to war there are only bad choices; the question is only which ones are better and which worse. **Band of giants shop** If you like authors who criticize how people handled difficult and confusing situations you might enjoy this book: **Band of Giants epub download** I'm sure others will too but I just got so tired of judgmental language by the end of the book, **The book of giants free pdf** I received this review copy from the publisher through Amazon Vine[1]

And index the narrative is only 248 pages. Example: Hessians that Gen. Book's title is misleading; patriot generals were not giants. Again. A very exciting book. Particularly interesting among the latter is Daniel Morgan. Jack Kelly Jack Kelly has accomplished two laudable feats. The French. This is my biggest complaint about Band of Giants. I found this a very unusual omission. Each was fitted with a rifle and a tomahawk. pg. 40 Minus the notes bibliography they doubted they lacked tact. Indeed it's a wonder that the American cause prevailed. Most were ardent amateurs. the upstart colonists. We could have had Canada. Or we could have been British. Excellent companion piece to Almost a Miracle by Ferling. Fast paced illuminating and well-told history. Jack Kelly This was a very

good book. Well done Mr. Kelly. Yes things were bad and it's good to describe that. Jack Kelly.