

Yorktown Library Book Club - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wed., March 11, 2026

American Revolution Fiction

Dear George, Dear Mary by Mary Calvi

Summary: Did unrequited love spark a flame that ignited the American Revolution? Crafted from hundreds of letters, witness accounts, and journal entries, *Dear George, Dear Mary* explores George's relationship with his first love, New York heiress Mary Philipse, the richest belle in Colonial America. From elegant eighteenth-century society to bloody battlefields, the novel creates breathtaking scenes and reveals why George Washington had such bitter resentment toward the Brits.

The Hamilton Affair by Elizabeth Cobbs

Summary: Set against the dramatic backdrop of the American Revolution, and featuring a cast of legendary characters, *The Hamilton Affair* tells the true story of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler, from passionate and tender beginnings of their romance to his fateful duel on the banks of the Hudson River. Admired by George Washington, scorned by Thomas Jefferson, Hamilton was a lightning rod: the most controversial leader of the new nation. Elizabeth was the wealthy, beautiful, adventurous daughter of the respectable Schuyler clan--and a pioneering advocate for women. Together, the unlikely couple braved the dangers of war, the perils of seduction, the anguish of infidelity, and the scourge of partisanship that menaced their family and the country itself.

The Lace Widow by Mollie Ann Cox

Summary: Could Alexander Hamilton be at the center of a vast murder plot engulfing Old New York? As his widow, Eliza, pieces together the puzzle, she unearths a heartbreaking secret that threatens to tear her family apart. This historical mystery follows Eliza Hamilton as she searches for ways to clear her son's name of murder and finds evidence of a plot to steal money from the government. Deep in debt, with eight children to support, Eliza turns to selling lace--and is drawn into a mysterious network of widow lacemakers who are intimately connected to New York's high-society families. They know their dead husbands' secrets--and soon, Eliza begins to piece together the truth.

To Try Mens' Souls by Newt Gingrich

Summary: This story follows General George Washington, Thomas Paine, and Jonathan Van Dorn, a private in Washington's army and focuses on one of the most iconic events in American history: Washington crossing the Delaware. Unlike the bold, courageous General in Leutze's painting, Washington is full of doubt on the night of December 25, 1776. While Washington prepares his weary troops for the attack, Thomas Paine is in

Philadelphia, overseeing the printing of his newest pamphlet, *The Crisis*. And Jonathan Van Dorn is about to bring the war to his own doorstep. In the heat of battle, he must decide between staying loyal to the cause and sparing his brother who has joined up with the British. This novel provides a rare perspective of the men who founded the USA.

The Love Letter by Rachel Hauck

Summary: When Chloe is given a peek at the script for an epic love story, she decides to audition for the lead female role, Esther Kingsley. Centuries earlier, in the heart of the Revolutionary War, Hamilton Lightfoot and Esther Longfellow wrote their saga off the silver screen. Esther's Loyalist father opposes any relationship with Hamilton, but Esther must face her beloved father's disapproval and the dangers of war in order to convince Hamilton of their future together. Hamilton has loved Esther for years, and on the eve of battle pens the love letter she's always wanted--something straight from the heart.

The Traitor's Wife by Allison Pataki

Summary: Everyone knows Benedict Arnold--the Revolutionary War general who betrayed America and fled to the British--as history's most notorious turncoat. Many know Arnold's co-conspirator, Major John André, who was apprehended with Arnold's documents in his boots and hanged at the orders of George Washington. But few know of the integral third character in the plot: a charming young woman who not only contributed to the betrayal but orchestrated it. Socialite Peggy Shippen is half Benedict's age when she seduces the war hero. Together, with her new husband, Benedict, and her old lover, John, Peggy hatches the plot to deliver West Point to the British and, in exchange, win fame and fortune for herself and Arnold.

Instruments of Darkness by Imogen Robertson

Summary: After discovering a dead neighbor from a menacing local estate, the unconventional Mrs. Westerman of 1780 Sussex enlists a reclusive local anatomist to uncover the family's secrets, which include ties to the American Revolution and links to the murder of a music shop owner in this gripping historical mystery.

My Name is Resolute by Nancy E. Turner

Summary: The year is 1729, and Resolute Talbot and her siblings are captured by pirates, taken from their family in Jamaica, and brought to the New World. Resolute and her sister are sold into slavery in colonial New England and taught the trade of spinning and weaving. When Resolute finds herself alone in Lexington, Massachusetts, she struggles to find her way in a society that is quick to judge a young woman without a family. As the seeds of rebellion against England grow, Resolute is torn between following the rules and breaking free. Resolute's talent at the loom places her at the center of an incredible web of secrecy that helped drive the American Revolution.