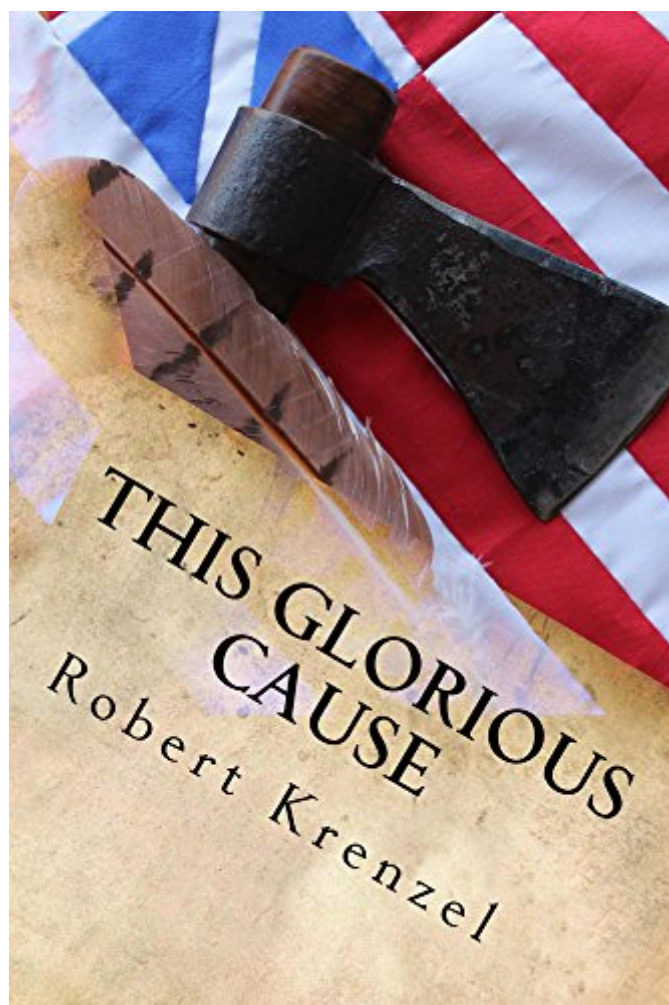


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Synopsis

An ordinary young man in extraordinary times! Gideon Hawke is a fifteen year-old with problems. What does he want to do with his life? Should he go to college or get a job? The girl he likes couldn't possibly like him, could she? Her father sure doesn't! Then it happens: on April 19th, 1775 British troops march into Gideon's hometown of Lexington, Massachusetts, fighting breaks out, and Gideon is at war. Amidst savage fighting in Lexington, on the Concord Road, and on Breeds Hill, Gideon learns the hard way to be a soldier, and loses some of his closest friends. He is soon adrift and alone, but a chance run-in with military discipline places Gideon in an elite unit: Thompson's Rifle Battalion. With his new comrades Gideon is once again in the thick of battle. Soon he is leading men in a critical mission that might prove decisive in the struggle to end the British occupation of Boston.

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Customer Reviews

I believe this is the first book by this author and in some instances this shows. The tale is fine and the characters are predominately well-thought and likable, however there are times in the book that

could have used a little more tweaking, particularly some of the conversations in the book. This did not make the book unreadable and towards the end I felt the author improved his skills. This one is a bit hard to classify. On one hand I would say this is a young adult book as the main characters are teenagers and in fact the author mentions one of the reasons was he felt he could do better than a book his family listened to and the family called him on his bluff. :-) On the other hand it deals with a significant number of deaths and some rather violent deaths (all completely in line with the story as it deals with the Siege of Boston) though none are graphic or gory, but I could see some parents objecting to this. My closest thought is this is a coming of age story that takes place in a different time and thus deals with things a little different. A small side note, in keeping with the times there are a few religious passages and a few longish passages where the Bible is recited. No biggie to me but I could certainly feel the importance of religion to the story and I believe the author. One might read the above and think I did not enjoy this tale. Far from it, I thoroughly enjoyed the tale and the author's tweaking of actual historical events. I would recommend this book with the caveat that is clearly the early work of a talented author who shows great potential. I will certainly pick up the next novel in the series when it is released. I also want to add a kudos to Mr Krenzel for stepping up, taking on his family's challenge and creating an enjoyable and entertaining read. Good job sir.

Although YA is not my usual cup of tea, the first installment in this series was incredible. I say this not at all because its author, Robert Krenzel, is a close friend of mine, former boss, Ghost 1-71 Cavalry "Ghost" Squadron Veteran, and all around good dude, but because of the incredible way Bob deals with PTS (Post-Traumatic Stress), the Invisible Wound of War. As a combat Veteran himself, Bob is well aware of the horrors of war and their impact on the human mind. That first hand experience is masterfully translated into Gideon's experiences during the American Revolution. As Bob demonstrates, when the cannons cease and the trumpets fade, suffering remains. If you are a veteran, read this book. At the end, you will feel much less alone in knowing that you are not the first to feel the way you do. If you love a Veteran, read it twice. It will help you understand them in ways they may not be able to.

Late last evening I read the announcement that *This Glorious Cause* had just become available on Kindle. I ordered it forthwith, and began reading an engrossing, educational, very well-written novel with memorable characterizations and all the elements that find me recommending it highly to my family and friends. Several of my fortunate grandchildren will soon share Robert Krenzel's excellent first book. I look forward to more of the same. Bravo, Robert Krenzel !

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this first book and highly look forward to book 2 and the continuation of the story of Gideon and Ruth and their fight for love and a future together as they fight for the independence of our great nation. Robert did a great job of transporting us back to our Country's humble beginnings and I did feel transported to that time. I had a hard time putting it down. I have bought another copy to send to my Father for Father's Day and hope he enjoys it as much as I did.

This was a fictional history of the revolutionary war. The story was very engrossing with a mix of war & love. A compassionate sixteen year old boy gets involved in the war. His episodes on the battle field seemed so feasible. I can't wait to read the next book to see what happens to him.

This was excellent! Historically accurate, and dialogue that, although modern, put you in the thick of the story. I highly recommend this book.

Robert Krenzel is an impressive historian and author. In fact, I only have one criticism of this book and it is this: As a narrative, I wanted this story to focus more on Gideon, himself, and focus less on troop movements. I'm hoping as this series continues, the focus will narrow in on Gideon and the central characters. That said, I stand in awe of the amount of historical detail that went into this book. I felt like I got an extensive history lesson about the first year of the Revolution, and as a historical researcher, myself, I imagine I might go back and refer to the comprehensive war narratives from time to time. I look forward to finding out what will happen with Gideon and company, as well as Ruth Munroe in book 2!

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