

# ISDAR Suggested Reading List

May 2021

## FICTION

**Chiavaroli, Heidi. *The Tea Chest*.**

In this dual-timeline novel, Emma Malcolm is drawn into the Boston Tea Party and must sacrifice to protect those she loves. In the present day story, Lt. Hayley Ashworth is determined to be the first woman Navy SEAL. Both women are connected with a heritage of courage and faith.

**Dray, Stephanie and Laura Kamoie. *My Dear Hamilton*.**

A biographical novel of Alexander Hamilton's wife Eliza, exploring her life from before she met her husband to long after he died.

**Dray, Stephanie and Laura Kamoie. *America's First Daughter*.**

By the same authors who brought us *My Dear Hamilton*, this novel showcases Thomas Jefferson's daughter, Patsy from childhood to adulthood.

**Frantz, Laura. *The Lacemaker*.**

Lady Elizabeth "Liberty" Lawson is the daughter of the British lieutenant governor of the Virginia colony living in Williamsburg on the eve of the Revolution. With her connections to British nobility, she's suspected as a British spy and must choose her loyalties carefully.

**Green, Jocelyn. *A Refuge Assured*.**

Vivienne Rivard flees revolutionary France for asylum in America in 1794. But America is far from safe, as militiaman Liam Delaney knows. He proudly served in the American Revolution but is less sure of his role in the Whiskey Rebellion.

**Mitchell, Siri. *The Messenger*.**

Raised in the Quaker tradition, Hannah Sunderland isn't supposed to take sides in the war. But when her brother ends up in a military prison, conflicting values force a crisis, especially when she connects with a man recruiting American spies.

## NONFICTION

(as recommended by DAR Librarian General Cyndy Sweeney)

**Allen, Dr. Paula Gunn. *Pocahontas: Medicine Woman, Spy, Entrepreneur, Diplomat.***

This bold biography draws on sources often overlooked by Western historians.

**Berkin, Carol. *Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence.***

The author shows us how women played a vital role throughout the conflict.

**Gates, Jr., Henry Louis. *The Trials of Phillis Wheatley: America's First Black Poet and Her Encounters with the Founding Fathers.***

The author explores the pivotal roles that the slave Phillis Wheatley and Thomas Jefferson have played in shaping the black literary tradition.

**Holton, Woody. *Abigail Adams: A Life.***

Holton offers a sweeping reinterpretation of Adams's life story and of women's roles in the creation of the republic.

**Humphreys, Mary Gay. *Catherine Schuyler: A Woman of the Revolution.***

This nineteenth-century biography, republished in 2020, focuses on the mother of Eliza Hamilton and offers historical context of Dutch New York.

**Shirley, Craig. *Mary Ball Washington: The Untold Story of George Washington's Mother.***

This book has been called the definitive take on the relationship between George and Mary Washington, offering fresh insight into the mother's influence on our founding father.

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