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THE REVOLUTIONARY SAGA BY HOWARD FAST: THE NOVELS ABOUT THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

THE ARTICLE IS DEVOTED TO THE 4 NOVELS BY HOWARD FAST WRITTEN ABOUT THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. IN EACH OF THE NOVELS ANALYZED IN THE ARTICLE FAST POSES THE QUESTION WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE COULD BE PUT UP WITH IF NECESSARY FOR THE VICTORY OF THE GLORIOUS CAUSE. HIS FINAL ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS GIVEN IN THE LAST NOVEL OF THE REVOLUTIONARY SAGA- "THE PROUD AND THE FREE", IN WHICH HE DENOUNCES REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE, VIOLENCE OVER MAN ONCE AND FOR ALL, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR HIS FURTHER DISAPPOINTMENT WITH MARXIST THEORY.

THE 4TH OF JULY!! HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED TO THE 56 MEN WHO SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE? THEIR STORY. . . FIVE SIGNERS WERE CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH AS TRAITORS, AND TORTURED BEFORE THEY DIED. TWELVE HAD THEIR HOMES RANSACKED AND BURNED. TWO LOST THEIR SONS SERVING IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY; ANOTHER HAD TWO SONS CAPTURED. NINE OF THE 56 FOUGHT AND DIED FROM WOUNDS OR HARDSHIPS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. THEY SIGNED AND THEY PLEDGED THEIR LIVES, THEIR FORTUNES, AND THEIR SACRED HONOR. WHAT KIND OF MEN WERE THEY? TWENTY-FOUR WERE LAWYERS AND JURISTS. ELEVEN WERE MERCHANTS. NINE WERE FARMERS AND LARGE PLANTATION OWNERS; MEN OF MEANS, WELL EDUCATED. BUT THEY SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE KNOWING FULL WELL THAT THE PENALTY WOULD BE DEATH IF THEY WERE CAPTURED. CARTER BRAXTON OF VIRGINIA, A WEALTHY PLANTER AND TRADER, SAW HIS SHIPS SWEEPED FROM THE SEAS BY THE BRITISH NAVY. HE SOLD HIS HOME AND PROPERTIES TO PAY HIS DEBTS, AND DIED IN RAGS. THOMAS MCKEAM WAS SO HOUNDED BY THE BRITISH THAT HE WAS FORCED TO MOVE HIS FAMILY ALMOST CONSTANTLY. HE SERVED IN THE CONGRESS WITHOUT PAY, AND HIS FAMILY WAS KEPT IN HIDING. HIS POSSESSIONS WERE TAKEN FROM HIM, AND POVERTY WAS HIS REWARD.

VANDALS OR SOLDIERS LOOTED THE PROPERTIES OF DILLERY, HALL, CLYMER, WALTON , GWINNETT, HEYWARD, RUTTLEDGE, AND MIDDLETON. AT THE BATTLE OF YORKTOWN, THOMAS NELSON, JR., NOTED THAT THE BRITISH GENERAL CORNWALLIS HAD TAKEN OVER THE NELSON HOME FOR HIS HEADQUARTERS. HE QUIETLY URGED GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON TO OPEN FIRE. THE HOME WAS DESTROYED, AND NELSON DIED BANKRUPT.

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