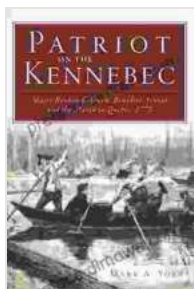


# Patriot on the Kennebec: The Story of Benedict Arnold's Expedition to Quebec

In the fall of 1775, Benedict Arnold led a daring expedition into the wilderness of Maine, with the goal of capturing the British stronghold of Quebec. Arnold's army of over 1,000 men faced incredible challenges along the way, including treacherous terrain, disease, and starvation. But they persevered, and in November 1775, they reached Quebec.

The Battle of Quebec was a bloody affair, and Arnold's forces were ultimately defeated. But their sacrifice was not in vain. Arnold's expedition helped to convince the British that the American colonies were serious about independence, and it inspired other Americans to join the fight for freedom.



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Author Nathaniel Philbrick tells the story of Arnold's expedition in vivid detail, using firsthand accounts from the men who were there. He brings to life the challenges and hardships that Arnold and his men faced, and he captures the spirit of the American Revolution. Patriot on the Kennebec is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, the American Revolution, or Benedict Arnold.

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## **The March to Quebec**

Arnold's expedition began in September 1775, when he and his men left Fort Western in Maine. The journey to Quebec was long and arduous. The men had to march through dense forests, paddle up and down rivers, and cross treacherous mountain passes. They also faced disease and starvation.

Despite the challenges, Arnold and his men persevered. They reached Quebec in November 1775, and they immediately began to prepare for battle.

## **The Battle of Quebec**

The Battle of Quebec was fought on December 31, 1775. Arnold's forces attacked the British from three directions, but they were unable to break through the British defenses. The battle was a bloody affair, and Arnold's forces were ultimately defeated.

Arnold himself was wounded in the battle, and he was forced to retreat. The British remained in control of Quebec, and the American attempt to capture the city had failed.

## **The Legacy of Arnold's Expedition**

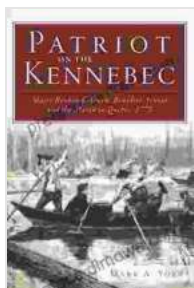
Despite its failure, Arnold's expedition had a significant impact on the American Revolution. The expedition showed the British that the American colonies were serious about independence, and it inspired other Americans to join the fight for freedom.

Arnold's expedition also helped to shape the legend of Benedict Arnold. Arnold was a controversial figure, but he was also a brave and determined leader. His expedition to Quebec was a daring gamble, and it ultimately failed. But it also helped to secure American independence.

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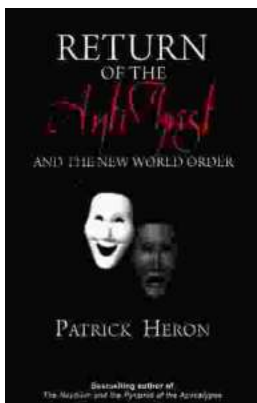


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