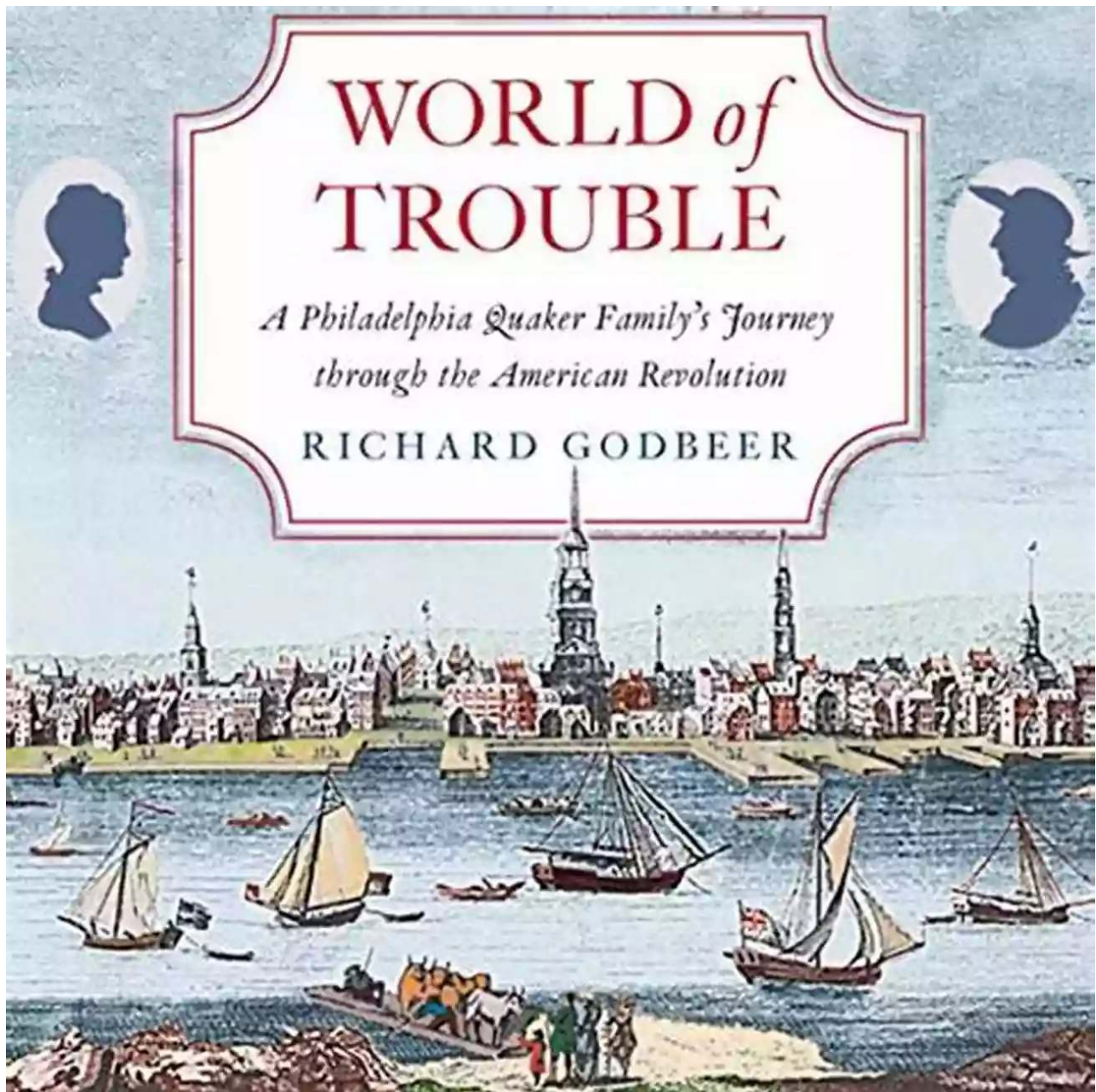


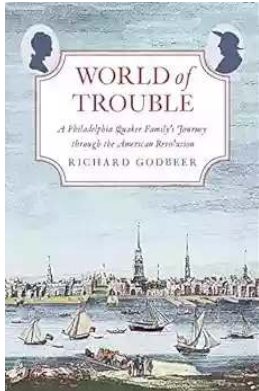
# Philadelphia Quaker Family Journey Through The American Revolution: The Lewis



Philadelphia, the birthplace of American democracy, is rich in history and stories of those who fought for the nation's independence. Among the notable tales is that of the Lewis family, a Quaker family who played a pivotal role in the American Revolution.

## The Beginnings

The Lewis family arrived in Philadelphia from England in the late 17th century, seeking religious freedom. They settled in the city and established a prosperous business, becoming respected members of the Quaker community.



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As Quakers, the Lewis family believed in nonviolence and equality, and were often seen as pacifists. However, when the American Revolution broke out, their convictions were put to the test.

## Quakers During the Revolution

The American Revolution presented a dilemma for Quakers, as their faith taught them to avoid participating in wars and conflicts. However, as the conflict escalated and the liberties they held dear were at stake, some Quakers, including the Lewis family, made the difficult decision to join the cause of American independence.

John Lewis, the patriarch of the family, became an ardent supporter of the revolution. He used his influence as a successful businessman to fund and support the colonial militias. His wife, Elizabeth, and their children also played important roles in the revolution, providing assistance to the wounded and offering their home as a meeting place for revolutionary leaders.

## **A Family United**

The Lewis family stood united in their support for the revolution, despite the conflicts it posed with their Quaker beliefs. They believed that by fighting for freedom and equality, they were staying true to the principles of their faith.

Their home in Philadelphia became a hub for discussions and meetings, attracting influential figures such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson. The Lewis family used their connections to forge alliances and gather support, playing a significant role in shaping the course of the American Revolution.

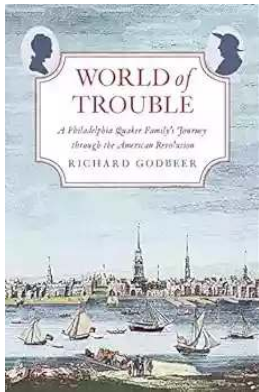
## **The Lewis Legacy**

The Lewis family's contributions to the American Revolution were not without repercussions. Their decision to support the war effort brought them criticism and ostracism from some members of the Quaker community. Despite this, they remained steadfast in their beliefs and continued to fight for what they believed was right.

After the war, the Lewis family continued to be active in shaping the newly formed United States. They advocated for the abolition of slavery, women's rights, and religious freedom. Their legacy lives on in Philadelphia, where their home has been preserved as a historic site, serving as a reminder of their important role in the American Revolution.

The Lewis family's journey through the American Revolution is a testament to their unwavering commitment to the principles of freedom and equality. Despite the challenges posed by their Quaker beliefs, they made significant contributions to the revolution, leaving a lasting impact on the history of Philadelphia and the United States.

Their story serves as a reminder that even in times of conflict, individuals can make a difference and shape the course of history, standing up for what they believe in. The Lewis family's legacy continues to inspire and remind us of the importance of fighting for justice and equality.



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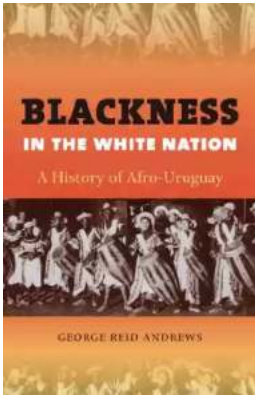
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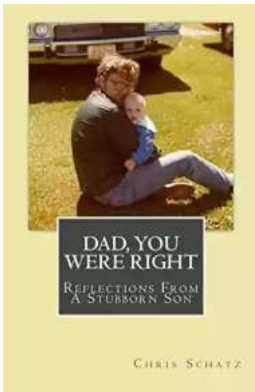
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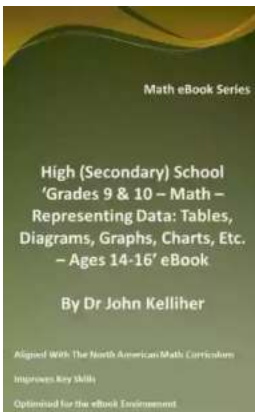
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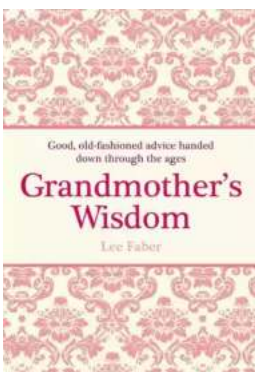
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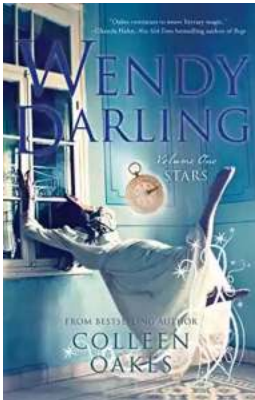
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