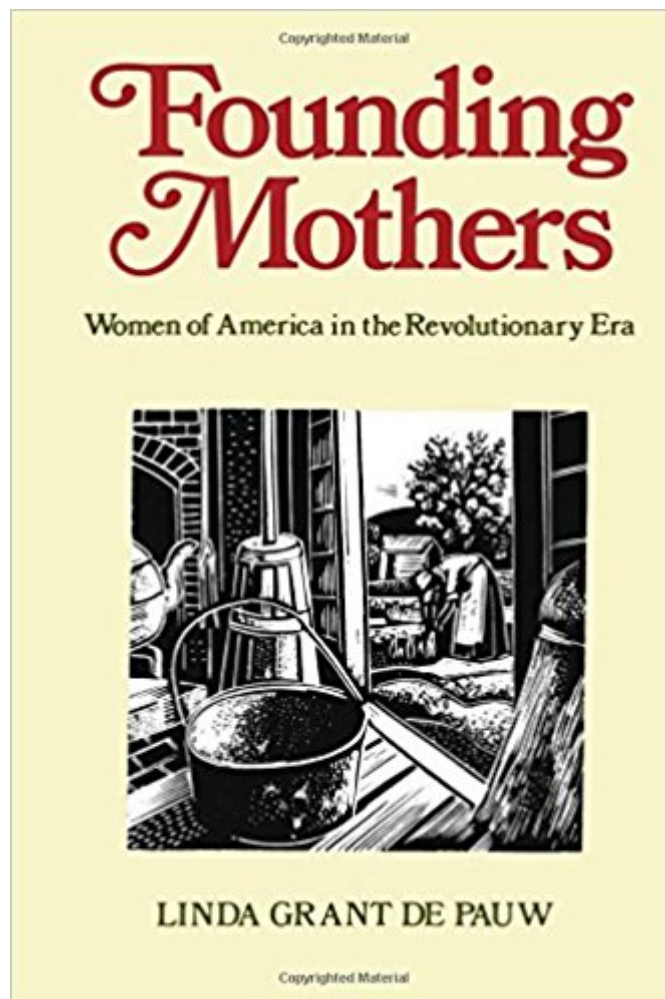




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The inside blurb states it clearly. Ladies, servant girls, black slave women, middle-class matrons and native American womenthese are the founding mothers, all of whom played a crucial role but long neglected role in the economic, political, military, and social life of the colonial America. Wives fought beside their husbands or widows ran the businesses and plantations and some women were known as camp followers who cooked, sewed and did laundry or whatever was needed to lend their hand in the War of the Revolution. Freedom is not Free....never has been and we document that here through the description of colonial America. We are forgetting our roots and the hardships that

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The author lays out the facts about what life was like for women in the Revolutionary war. Some I knew. Some I didn't. It was interesting to think again about how tough their lives were and how much they struggled because of the war. We always hear about the men but the women struggled also.

This book instills the reality that when women are strong, courageous and great leaders, they are not acting like men, they are acting like.... women! Did you know that a woman did just what Paul Revere did? Also, it points out the enormous contribution of running households, farms and schools, and manufacturing textiles, food supplies, etc. to the creation of our country. I had my teenage daughter read it over the summer and she enjoyed it. Recommended for boys or girls.

I found this book not only historically and culturally interesting, but it was also very easy and entertaining to read. It covered a broad spectrum of women and was full of fascinating little bits of information. I also noticed the lack of documentation, which might affect the integrity of the book for some readers. As a Revolutionary War reenactor, I enjoyed this book very much.

I was very disapointed in this book. It goes from one topic to another with no footnotes or primary sources as to where this information comes from. It lists every stereotype of women and family life you could imagine. There is a list of "Suggestions for Further Reading" but no bibliography of any sort to back up what has been written as "fact". There are no pictures or photographs of anything except those small illustrations for chapter heading. As a research book it is very poor and expects the reader to take on face value the authors assertion with no backup.

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