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Specific to the Ten Crucial Days

1. **TEN CRUCIAL DAYS: Washington's Vision for Victory Unfolds** by Larry Kidder (Knox, 2019) *The most authoritative modern narrative on the Ten Crucial Days.* [Buy](#)
2. **WASHINGTON'S MARINES: The Origins of the Corps and the American Revolution** by Gen. Jason Bohm (Savas Beattie, 2023) *Revealing specific unit biography* [Buy](#).
3. **THE INDISPENSABLES: The Diverse Soldier-Mariners Who Shaped the Country, Formed the Navy, and Rowed Washington Across the Delaware** by Patrick K. O'Donnell (Grove 2021) [Buy](#)
4. **THE ROAD TO ASSUNPINK CREEK: Liberty's Desperate Hour and the Ten Crucial Days of the American Revolution** by David Price (Knox 2019). Says Patrick K. O'Donnell, "Assembling the best scholarship ... Price has rightfully elevated the crucial importance of one of the least remembered battles..." [Buy](#)
5. **VICTORY OR DEATH: The Battles of Trenton and Princeton** by Mark Maloy (Savas Beattie, 2018) *Good overview and great for a self-guided tour.* [Buy](#)
6. **RESCUING THE REVOLUTION: Unsung Patriot Heroes and the Ten Crucial Days of America's War for Independence** by David Price (Knox 2016) *Fascinating biographical vignettes about names clouded in history.* [Buy](#)
7. **TRENTON AND PRINCETON 1776-77: Washington Crosses the Delaware** by David Bonk (Osprey 2010) [Buy](#)
8. **1776** by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster, 2006) [Buy](#)
9. **WASHINGTON'S CROSSING** by David Hackett Fischer (Oxford, 2004) *Despite having included some of Stryker's challenged references this is the Pulitzer Prize-winning, bestselling book on the subject.* [Buy](#)
10. **THE LONG RETREAT: The Calamitous Defense of New Jersey, 1776** by Arthur S. Lefkowitz (Rutgers, 1998) [Buy](#)
11. **THE DAY IS OURS! An Inside View of the Battles of Trenton and Princeton, November 1776-January 1777** by William M. Dwyer (Viking, 1983) ▼ *Relies heavily on Stryker; written in a thrilling, journalistic style.* [Buy](#)
12. **THE WINTER SOLDIERS: The Battles for Trenton and Princeton** by Richard M. Ketchum. (Doubleday, 1973) ▼ *Relies heavily on Stryker. Good military history for the modern reader* [Buy](#)
13. **THE BATTLE OF TRENTON/THE BATTLE OF PRINCETON: Two Studies** by Samuel Stelle Smith (Philip Freneau 1967) ▼ [Buy](#)
14. **THE BATTLES OF TRENTON AND PRINCETON** by William S. Stryker (Houghton Mifflin, 1898) ▼ *The earliest history from which many following works have been based. While detailed, there are unsourced references that are either questionable or have since been proven inaccurate. Still, a must-read for anyone interested in the Ten Crucial Days.* [Buy](#)

Overviews, Abridgments, and Essays that Pertain to the Ten Crucial Days and the

Revolution in New Jersey. Books in this section, and more, are available at Ten Crucial Days Bookshop.org: [Click Here](#)

15. **ENEMY HARASSED: Washington's New Jersey Campaign of 1777** by Jim Stempel (Knox Press) 2023 [Buy](#)
16. **TAKING SIDES IN REVOLUTIONARY NEW JERSEY: Caught in the Crossfire** by Maxine Lurie (Rutgers) 2022 [Buy](#)
17. **UNHAPPY CATASTROPHES: American Revolution in Central New Jersey 1776 - 1782** by Robert Dunkley (Savas Beatie) 2022 [Buy](#)
18. **VALLEY FORGE TO MONMOUTH: Six Transformative Months of the American Revolution** by Jim Stempel (McFarland) 2021 [Buy](#)
19. **PRINCETON 1774 -1783: The Biography of an American Town in the Heart of a Civil War** by William L. Kidder Knox 2020) [Buy](#)
20. **NEW JERSEY IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** edited by Barbara J. Mitnick (Rutgers, 2005) [Buy](#)
21. **A PEOPLE HARASSED AND EXHAUSTED: The Story of a New Jersey Militia Regiment in the American Revolution** by Larry Kidder (Kidder, 2013) [Buy](#)
22. **THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN NEW JERSEY: Where the Battlefield Meets the Home Front** edited by James J. Gigantino II (Rutgers, 2015) [Buy](#)
23. **FATAL SUNDAY: George Washington, the Monmouth Campaign, and the Politics of Battle** by Mark Edward Lender and Garry Wheeler Stone Ph.D (Univ OK 2016) Award winning narrative on the largest battle fought in the northern theater of the revolution. [Buy](#)
24. **CROSSROADS OF THE REVOLUTION: Trenton, 1774-1783** by William L. "Larry" Kidder (Knox, 2017) Meticulously researched history of Trenton; rich background on how this important colonial town survived the revolution. [Buy](#)
25. **WILLIAM LIVINGSTON'S AMERICAN REVOLUTION** by James J Gigantino II, (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018) Well written insight into the man and New Jersey. [Buy](#)

Selected General Histories of the Revolution

1. **WINNING INDEPENDENCE: The Decisive Years of the Revolutionary War, 1778-1781** by John Ferling (Bloomsbury) 2021
2. **THE BRITISH ARE COMING** by Rick Atkinson (Holt 2019)
3. **THEATERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** James Kirby Martin and David L. Preston, Editors (Westholme 2017)
4. **WASHINGTON'S IMMORTALS: The Untold Story of an Elite Regiment Who Changed the Course of the Revolution** by Patrick K. O'Donnell (Grove 2017)
5. **AMERICAN REVOLUTIONS: A Continental History, 1750-1804** by Alan Taylor (WW Norton 2016)
6. **BAND OF GIANTS: The Amateur Soldiers Who Won America's Independence** by Jack Kelly (Macmillan 2014)
7. **THE MEN WHO LOST AMERICA: British Leadership, the American Revolution, and the Fate of the Empire** by Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy (Yale 2013)
8. **ALMOST A MIRACLE: The American Victory in the War of Independence** by John Ferling (Oxford 2007)

9. **THE GLORIOUS CAUSE:** *The American Revolution, 1763-1789* by Robert Middlekauff (Oxford 2007)

Books for Young Readers about the Ten Crucial Days and the Revolution Listed by Age Group

1. **CROSSING THE DELAWARE:** *George Washington Fights the Battle of Trenton* by Arian Dean (Rosen 2004, Ages 5 – 9)
2. **WHEN WASHINGTON CROSSED THE DELAWARE** by Lynne Cheney (Simon & Schuster 2012, Ages 5 – 9)
3. **REVOLUTIONARY WAR ON WEDNESDAY:** *Magic Tree House #22* by Mary Pope Osborne (Random House 2000, Ages 6 – 9)
4. **THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FOR KIDS:** *A History with 21 Activities* by Janis Herbert (Chicago Review 2002) (Ages 6 – 9)
5. **IF YOU WERE A KID DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** by Wil Mara (Scholastic 2016) (Ages 6 – 9)
6. **THE CROSSING: How George Washington Saved the American Revolution** by Jim Murphy (Scholastic 2016, Ages 8 – 12)
7. **CROSSING THE DELAWARE:** *A History in Many Voices* by Louise Peacock (Aladdin 2007, Ages 8 – 12)
8. **GEORGE WASHINGTON:** *The Crossing* by Jack E. Levin, Mark R. Levin (Threshold 2013, Ages 8 – 12)
9. **TIME ENOUGH FOR DRUMS** by Ann Rinaldi (Laurel Leaf 2000, Fiction, Ages 12+ -)

Television and Film

1. “Turn” - AMC - www.amc.com/shows/turn (rife with historical liberties, but a nice sense of time and place).
2. “Winter Patriots” - www.WinterPatriots.com. Produced by Mount Vernon, with support from the F. M. Kirby Foundation
3. “The Crossing” - A&E TV 2003 (rife with historical liberties, but a nice sense of time and place).

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