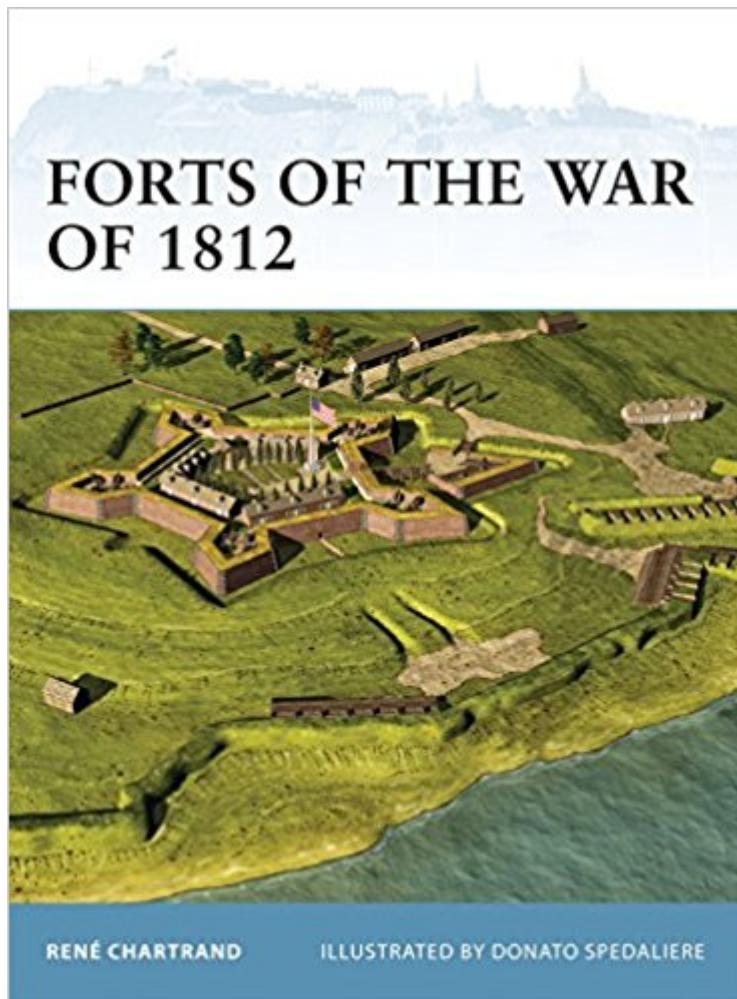


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# Forts Of The War Of 1812 (Fortress)



## Synopsis

When war broke out between the United States and Great Britain in 1812, neither side was prepared for the conflict, as evidenced by their respective fortifications. The most sophisticated and modern fortifications were those built by the US Corps of Engineers to protect some of the main port cities. These included Fort Mifflin in Philadelphia, Fort McHenry in Baltimore and Castle William in New York. The British also heavily fortified their main harbor at Halifax and their main center of power at Quebec. However, elsewhere, especially in the interior, fortifications were old, neglected or only hastily erected. The forts at Detroit and Mackinac were much as the British had left them in 1796. This book covers all of the main fortifications of the conflict, those that faced the crashing of guns and those whose intimidation played a part in the grand strategy of the war.

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As the United States and Canada mark the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, author Rene Chartrand and illustrator Donato Spedaliere have produced "Forts of the War of 1812", a remarkably readable entry in Osprey's Fortress series. In a short, crisp, and even-handed narrative, the author describes the generally sorry state of fortification of key cities, ports, and points on either side of what is now the U.S.-Canadian border at the outbreak of war, and the efforts to improve them and/or improvise hasty substitutes. A good bit of history is woven into the narrative, including the attack on Fort McHenry in Baltimore that inspired "The Star-Spangled Banner", while residents of some U.S. cities may be surprised to find out the story behind some locals parks. Travelers should take note of the largely intact citadels still present at Halifax and Quebec in Canada. Coverage is by geographic region, and the well-written text is supplemented by some excellent period depictions, modern photographs, and some absolutely terrific 3-D illustrations. The text includes a nice glossary of terms associated with 19th century fortification, and a bibliography for further reading. Highly recommended.

Forts were an integral part in the settlement of colonial America. This book offers a detailed look at the construction of forts and how successful they were in the common defense. Great illustrations.

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Great booklet in this series! A little bit more in depth than the Colonial Forts title, and a good selection of illustrations from forts around the continent. The important forts really are covered. As always, the illustrations are top notch; I especially liked the drawings of Castle Williams and Fort George. Apart from a (very) few minor errors, probably the best survey of War of the 1812 fortifications.

A concise history of all the North American battle sites. Many books limit their coverage to the U.S. -

Canada border. The color illustrations of battles, ships and harbors are first rate.

Excellent

This is a nice book. I read it in a few hours. The pictures are nice. If you're into the War of 1812, it gives you an idea of what life looked like back then.

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