



Defiant Brides: The Untold Story of Two Revolutionary-Era Women and the Radical

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Beacon Press. 1 Cloth(s), 2013. hard. Book Condition: New. When Peggy Shippen, a celebrated blonde belle of Philadelphia, defied her family to marry American military hero Benedict Arnold in 1779, she anticipated a life of fame and fortune, but financial debts and political intrigues eventually led her to conspire with her husband against George Washington. Her patriotic counterpart was Lucy Flucker, who in 1774 upset her wealthy Tory parents by marrying poor Boston bookbinder Henry Knox for love. When Knox later became a general in the Revolutionary War, Lucy endured the misery of army life beside him, and befriended Martha Washington. In this dual biography, Nancy Rubin Stuart finds remarkable parallels between these spirited, unconventional young women. "Stuart parallels the lives of Peggy Shippen Arnold, renowned for both her beauty and her unwavering support of her treasonous husband, and Lucy Flucker Knox, the well-heeled daughter of staunchly Loyalist parents who threw caution and politics to the wind to marry a radical patriot. Despite the fact that the two women never met, there are plenty of historical, cultural, and social ties that bind them together. With the seemingly endless parade of books devoted to both founding fathers and revolutionary rascals, it's nice...



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