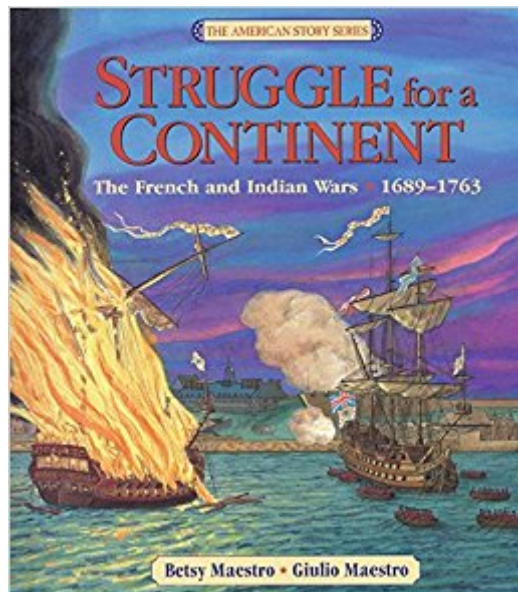




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# Struggle For A Continent: The French And Indian Wars: 1689-1763 (American Story (Hardcover))



## Synopsis

As early as 1630, Spain, France, England, and the Netherlands had settlements or colonies in North America. Always looking for ways to expand their territory, these European nations were constantly at war with one another over trade, borders, and religious differences. Beginning in 1689, their conflicts in Europe spread across the Atlantic to America. Over the next seventy years, competing European powers would battle for control of the New World. The winner would take the prize -- all of North America. *Struggle for a Continent* tells the riveting story of the French and Indian Wars seventy-four years of fighting that determined the destiny of the future United States. Notable Children's Trade Books in the Field of Social Studies 2001, National Council for SS & Child. Book Council

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 3-6-In this richly illustrated title, the Maestros bring an important part of our country's history to life. Seventy-four years of events are chronicled in a running narrative that begins by explaining how four European nations fought over trade, borders, and religion, and competed for the North American continent. While Spain and the Netherlands withdrew almost immediately, England and France continued to fight for 70 more years in a series of confrontations. These battles are covered

in the text, as are the relationships that these two countries had with the Native American tribes. Full-page, double-page, and spot-art illustrations in pen and ink, watercolor, and colored pencil flow across the pages and extend the text. All are captioned. Several colorful maps are also included. Endnotes provide additional information on a few individuals, the Iroquois League, and life during the Colonial period. This accessible book fills a gap for young history buffs and report writers. Kathleen Simonetta, Indian Trails Public Library District, Wheeling, IL Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gr. 3-6. With text by Betsy and artwork by Giulio, the Maestros bring history to life in a new entry in the picture-book American Story series. The French and Indian Wars, called by several names during a 70-year period, were a struggle between the French and the Algonquian tribes on one hand and the English and the Iroquois tribes on the other. The French saw America as a vast resource for the lucrative fur trade; the English saw it as a place to send a troublesome populace and to build settlements. The indigenous groups allied themselves with the Europeans for a variety of reasons, including weaponry. The text is a model of clarity, balance, and nuance: European alliances, massacres on both sides, slavery, and double dealing are all noted, along with descriptions of strategy, tactics, and the conflicting needs of divergent groups. A wide variety of beautifully delineated pictures--maps, townscapes, seascapes, battlefields, and portraits--add to the spirited sweep of the text. A fine resource. GraceAnne DeCandido Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

The Colonial period of American history is one of the most fascinating eras and also one of the most ignored. For most Americans, Colonial history starts in 1620 with the arrival of the Mayflower and then goes fast forwards to 1775 and the beginning of the American Revolution. The War of American Independence just sort of happens and there is very little understanding of the historical context. "The Struggle for a Continent" describes the battle for control over the North American Continent between France and Great Britain. Of particular note, Betsy Maestro does an admirable job of explaining the role of the Algonquin and the Iroquois Confederation in the ensuing wars. A better children's book on the French and Indian Wars would be hard to imagine. Betsy Maestro is a strong writer and the "Struggle for a Continent" has the potential to be classic in the children's historical non-fiction category. Along with all of the other volumes in "The American Story" series, this book is highly recommended.

I think a patriotic point of view isn't always a bad thing. Yes Native Americans were displaced but they played their own part in the making of American as we know it, both good and bad. Obviously the book doesn't go too in depth but the pictures are a tad gory for the younger kids. My daughter enjoys being read to from the book because of the colorful pictures, but I'd recommend a secondary source of information in tandem.

We love Betsy Maestro books for US history! Easy to read, great pictures, and cover the content well. I just wish she'd write more about modern US history.

I am homeschooling in the lower elementary range, and this series is a fantastic comprehensive overview of earlier American history. Love this!

Good story and explanation of this time period.

Nice book! Great gift for my 10 year old son. Thanks for the great service. He loves the book and reads it often.

History is a lot more fun when combined with the beautiful pictures and informative, easy-to-read text in this book. We have been able to use the entire series as the foundation for our elementary history curriculum combined with other activities. I highly recommend these books to others looking for an enjoyable way to study history together.

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