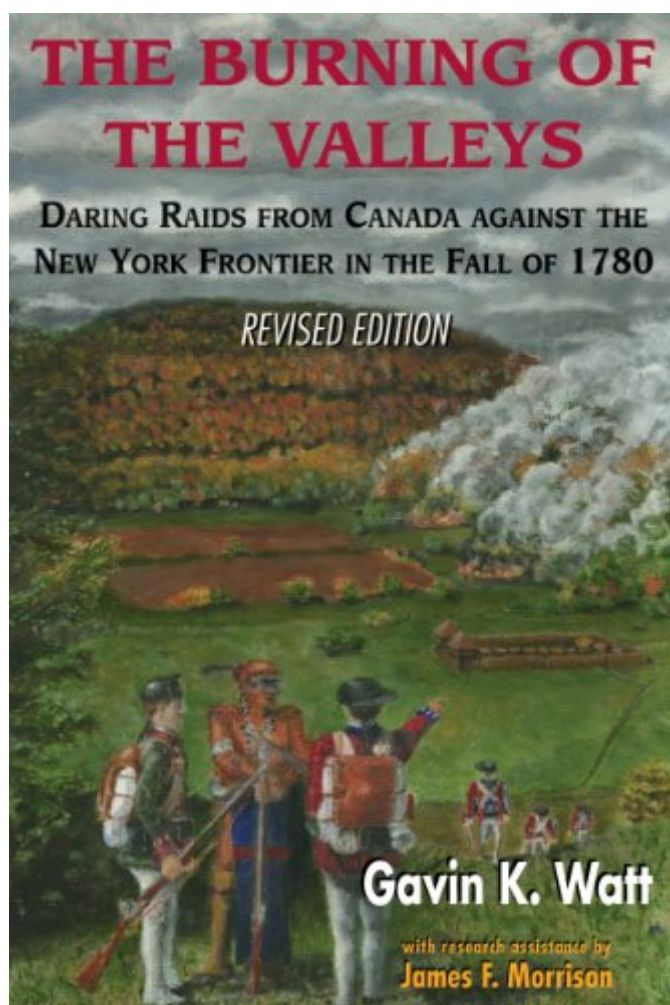


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Got this for my dad as a birthday present, turns out his website was one of the sources for it! Pretty pleased that he enjoyed the book and that it was historically accurate.

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