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Grey House Publishing Announces *This is Who We Were: Colonial America (1492-1763)*

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of *This is Who We Were: Colonial America (1492-1763)*. This new addition to the *This is Who We Were* series provides the reader with a deeper understanding of day-to-day life in pre-Revolution America. Readers will uncover how Colonial life was impacted by the ruling of a far away government, the relationship with native people, the opportunity for growth and prosperity in a land with new resources, and much more.

Like the other works in this series, this volume observes the lives of working Americans, in this case, pilgrims, colonists, settlers, slaves and Native Americans—those who helped shape the history of the country—era by era. It covers all ages, a wide range of geographical and social backgrounds, and a variety of professions, some of which focus on fortune, some on fame, and some on survival.

This new volume features 25 profiles of people living and working during the Colonial era, painting a complete picture of what it was like to live in this period. These stories portray both struggling and successful Americans from various economic classes, occupations, and regions across the country, capturing a wide range of thoughts and emotions. Although the profiles of the 25 individuals in *Colonial America* are generally fictional, they are deeply informed by original research—personal diaries, historical documents, family histories—and include governmental and demographic statistics and other data that help paint a full portrait of the time period and geographical location where the individuals worked and lived.

This new reference source is divided into five major sections, preceded by a thorough Introduction and an essay that details significant people and events of the decade, and followed by a detailed Bibliography and alphabetical Index.

Section I, **Personal Profiles**, contains 25 profiles of individuals and families from 1492-1763, beginning with a brief introduction that anchors the text to the year provided. Then, each profile is arranged into three categories, all detailing thorough information about the person profiled: Life at Home, Life at Work, and Life in the Community. Profiles include a Portuguese explorer sailing to the New World, a Candle Maker, Native Warrior, and many more.

Section II, **Historical Snapshots**, offers a chronology of key economic, social, and political events, plus inventions and innovations, from 1600-1774.

Section III, **Original 13 Colonies**, contains more than 100 pages that detail conditions in each of the 13 colonies. Each colony section includes three distinct sections – Timeline, Colonists, and Natives – and lots of maps and images. This unique section offers the opportunity to understand the challenges of the New World, and how they were navigated.

Section IV, **Economy of the Times**, is comprised of five major sections:

- Selected Incomes – a selection of jobs compiled from a variety of sources, including government records, diaries, newspapers, and payroll accounts.
- Services and Fees – includes the costs of managing a household budget, tolls charges by Indian tribes for passage through their territory, and fines for falling asleep in church.
- Slave Trades – a year by year accounting of the average price paid for British American and West African slaves.
- Commodities – a yearly report of the cost of food and agricultural items.
- Selected Prices – the cost of hundreds of items, organized in dozens of categories.

Section V, **All Around Us**, includes reprints of 12 thoughtfully culled primary and secondary sources from the Colonial Era. Gathered from newspapers, diaries, letters, speeches, and legal documents, these offer fascinating insights into the lifestyle, culture, and emotion of the period

Additionally, **Salem Press Online** is the new online home for Grey House’s multi-volume *This is Who We Were* series, profiling the lives of individuals and families throughout various decades. Online database access is free with your print purchase! Visit <https://www.online.salempress.com> for more information or to demo the online content.

This is Who We Were: Colonial America (1492-1763) is a dynamic new title built to fill many academic, personal research, and curriculum needs. This is a comprehensive look at the early days of American history through the eyes and ears of everyday Settlers, Natives, and Slaves, not just the word of historians or politicians.

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