

## AMC's *TUR*N: *Washington's Spies*. Recommended Readings, Correctives, & Laxatives

- Rose, Alexander. **Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring**. New York: Bantam Books, 2006. Notes. Bibliography. Index. – *Best single work on the subject*. Engagingly well-written, With excellent documentation, and in some areas, groundbreaking in its research.
- Burrows, Edwin G. **Forgotten Patriots: The Untold Story of American Prisoners During the Revolutionary War**. New York: Basic Books / Perseus Book Group, 2008. 2 appendices. Abbreviations. Extensive notes. Bibliography. Index.– *Fullest single account of the mistreatment and mass neglect and casual murder of American prisoners-of-war, with 30,000 deaths in New York City and Wallabout Bay, L.I.* The initial chapters are a sudden immersion into a horror, after which shock, it become easier to read. But, as the Pulitzer Prize winning author put it, this was where the true cost of Revolution was heavily paid. Death here far exceeded deaths on all the battlefields of the entire war. For that reason, as well as why this aspect of the Revolution has been so long swept under the rug, from view, this well documented and readable study is important reading.
- Daigler, Kenneth A. **Spies, Patriots, and Traitors: American Intelligence in the Revolutionary War**. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2014. – *Paints the greater context of international intelligence efforts, in relation to which the Setauket Spy Ring's relative successes become clearer.*
- Ford, Corey. **A Peculiar Service: [A Narrative of Espionage in and Around New York, During the American Revolution** – Cover subtitle]. Boston; Toronto: Little, Brown & Co., 1965. Short bibliography. Index. – *Once standard, it's superseded by Alexander Rose's *Washington's Spies*.*
- Nagy, John A. **Invisible Ink: Spycraft of the American Revolution**. Yardley, PA: Westholme, 2010.
- Pennypacker, Morton. **General Washington's Spies: On Long Island and in New York**. Brooklyn, NY: Long Island Historical Society, 1939. Notes and amplification. Index. – *It was Morton Pennypacker who first identified Robert Townsend as the mysterious "Culper, Jr."* An account of the Culper Spy Ring, minus the ensuing 77 years of research.
- Pennypacker, Morton. **General Washington's Spies: On Long Island and in New York**, v. 2. Garden City, NY; East Hampton, NY: Country Life Press Corp.; Printed for the Author, by East Hampton Free Library. The Pennypacker Long Island Collection, 1948. – *A short supplement.*
- Tallmadge, Benjamin. **Memoir of Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge, Prepared by Himself, at the Request of His Children**. New York: Thomas Holman, Book and Job Printer, 1858. (Internet Archive) <https://archive.org/stream/memoirofcolbenja00tall#page/n8/mode/1up> -- *This account focuses on his upbringing, friendship with Nathan Hale cavalry exploits and relations with George Washington, and contains only rare, oblique, and the vaguest of references to his role as handler of the Culper Spy Ring. It was intended for family reading, probably not for general public consumption.*
- Welch, Richard F. **General Washington's Commando: Benjamin Tallmadge in the Revolutionary War**. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, 2014. Chapter notes. Bibliography. Index. – *The latest locally-produced overview of Tallmadge's multiple roles in service to G. Washington, as scout, espionage chief, and handler of the Setauket Spy Ring.*