The Society of the Cincinnati Prize

The American Revolution Institute is pleased to announce that the 2020 Society of the Cincinnati Prize will be presented to a publisher who has produced an exceptional book that explains the American Revolution to a general audience. The prize is administered by The Society of the Cincinnati, an organization of American Revolution veterans whose members held high-ranking military positions during the war. The prize is awarded annually to recognize the important role that books play in the history of the American Revolution.

The prize recognizes books that offer a fresh perspective on the American Revolution, provide new insights into the war's significance, or bring the story of the Revolution to a wider audience. The prize is intended to encourage scholarly and educational publishing and to promote the study of the American Revolution.

Applications for the 2020 Society of the Cincinnati Prize are now being accepted. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2020. The winner will be announced in June 2020.

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George Washington's army faced not only British soldiers, but also an invisible enemy: smallpox. In 1775, an outbreak of smallpox threatened to overwhelm the Continental Army, just as it had done to the British Army during the previous war. In his book "Smallpox and the American Revolution," historian Robert Darnton tells the story of how the Continental Army fought the disease and emerged stronger than ever. His book is a powerful reminder of the importance of public health and the role of government in protecting the health of its citizens.

We look forward to presenting the prize when the current public health crisis has passed and our communities can once again gather to celebrate this vital aspect of American history.

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