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Stephen Saunders Webb, *1676: The End of American Independence*, New York: Syracuse University Press, 1995.

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Stephen Saunders Webb informs readers that he was driven to write this book because, “the tale of 1676 is worth the telling,” and his goal was to “pay tribute” to the people of this time for they shaped the American future. This three volume series explores different perspectives of the titled year 1676. The first and longest book in his volume of work is *Bacon’s Revolution*; Webb offers substantial information on the revolt along with background information on Nathaniel Bacon and William Berkeley. Furthermore, he introduces lesser-known figures that aid in the explanations of events that in combination led to tragedy and the reshaping of Colonial America. The second and shortest book, *The World Viewed from Whitehall*, analyzes the events of 1676 from the British government’s perspective. It contains a side to the story that is not as well-known, and provides the reader with an understanding of the connections between colonists and the monarchy. The last book, *The Anglo-Iroquoian Empire*, introduces Native American’s role in this saga of 1676. This book emphasizes the Five Nations’ relationship with the French and English and serves a secondary function as a partial biography for Garacontié. Without the inclusion of Garacontié, Webb’s purpose would fall short since his conversion to Catholicism was crucial to negotiations.

Webb uncovers many connections and angles, but he forces too much information leaving the reader overwhelmed and needing to revisit certain areas for clarity. What Webb lacks in fluid writing, he more than makes up in other areas. The primary benefit is the extensive information in a single collection and serves as the best source for 1676. Each book contains a section titled “Some Suggested Reading.” These help the reader understand the sources used and offer additional reading. The “Conclusions” section has improved readability and it is phenomenal at summarizing Webb’s arguments. Included also are illustrations and maps with an entire section dedicated to the history surrounding them. Stephen Saunders Webb took on an immensely daunting task in preparing his book *1676: The End of American Independence*. He clearly presents an argument, indispensable for those scholars seeking detailed attributes of Colonial America in the year 1676 that shows how these events affected the future of America.