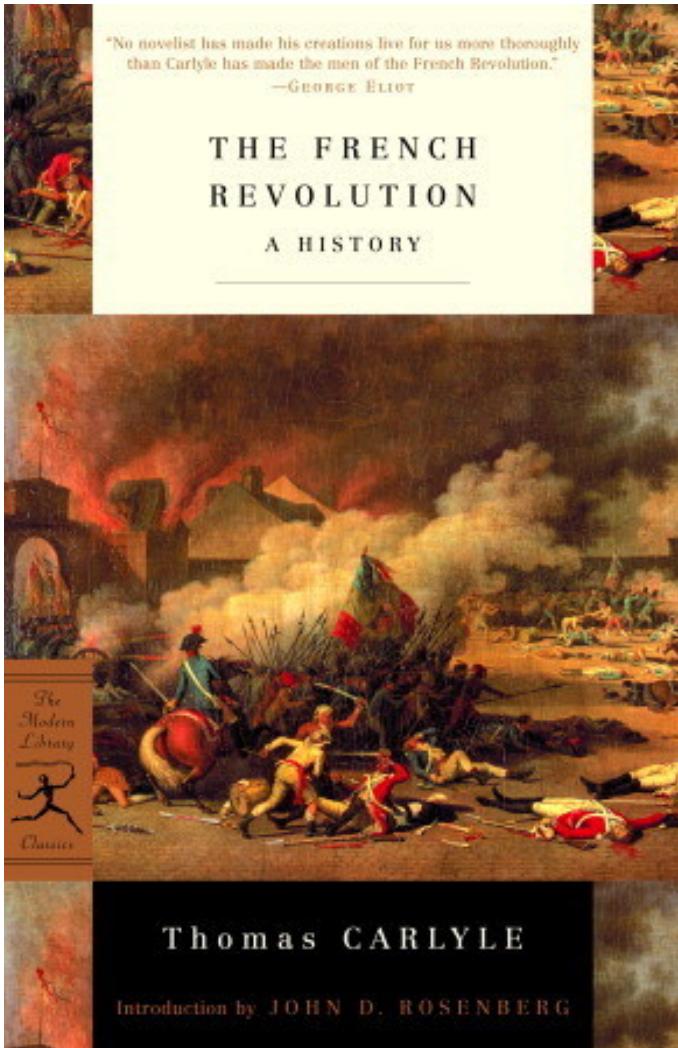


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## The French Revolution: A History



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## Description

The book that established Thomas Carlyle's reputation when first published in 1837, this spectacular historical masterpiece has since been accepted as the standard work on the subject. It combines a shrewd insight into character, a vivid realization of the picturesque, and a singular ability to bring the past to blazing life, making it a reading experience as thrilling as any novel. As John D. Rosenberg observes in his Introduction, *The French Revolution* is "one of the grand poems of [Carlyle's] century, yet its poetry consists in being everywhere scrupulously rooted in historical fact."

This Modern Library Paperback Classics edition, complete and unabridged, is unavailable anywhere else.

## Insightful reviews

Jackson Cyril: If your intent on reading this is to learn about the French Revolution, there are perhaps better books that are half this book's length. But if you wish to behold the representatives as they march to the Estates General, to hear Danton's "voice of brass" roar above the rest, the clamor of women bringing "the baker, the baker's wife and the baker's boy" back to Paris, or hear the last pathetic croak of Robespierre before the guillotine descended on him, this is your book. And the best review of this book comes from the man who unthinkingly burned the first (and only) manuscript of this work, J.S. Mill (legend has it that Carlyle re wrote the whole thing from memory): "This is not so much a history, as an epic poem; and notwithstanding, or even in consequence of this, the truest of histories. It is the history of the French Revolution, and the poetry of it, both in one."

Craig Bryson: Epic, poetic and some times unreadable, this book should be attempted by any serious reader at least once.

I went away with more questions than answers, but that's okay- I know where to keep looking for more information..Carlyle gives us lots of clues.

Richard Epstein: It is said that there is valuable stuff concealed in here, but no one bloviates like Carlyle. I believe there are people who have read this book straight through, cover to cover, beginning to end, but I doubt I've ever met one. Such a reader would require infinite patience and infinite time and nothing else to do -- no carpets to vacuum, no dogs to walk, no sestinas to write, then discard, because trying to write a sestina is a fool's errand. In short, only a god could do it, but a god wouldn't want to.

Anya: thoroughly absurd. The writing variety may be dense and difficult, however the purely factor you actually get out of it truly is pretension. it is so pompous it truly is really laughable. simply try out sullivan's pictures, they are great.

Sean Chick: they do not write them like this anymore and that's a shame.

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