

UNION 1812 A. J. LANGGUTH

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In A. J. Langguth's classic *Patriots: The Men Who Started the American Revolution*, he brought to life leaders from the generation of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson in all of their complexity, with their great strengths and human frailties. In *Union 1812*, those men appear again, tempered now by age and new responsibilities.

James Madison, the fourth president of the United States, must decide whether to go to war again only thirty years after the American Revolution. Washington, Adams, and Jefferson had all made major concessions to avoid entangling their young and divided nation in new battles with Europe. But the War Hawks, aggressive congressmen from the South and West, are demanding that Madison take action to uphold America's honor against Great Britain. In this gripping narrative, Madison leads an unprepared nation into a struggle that will establish the United States as a major world power.

The heroes of *Patriots* are joined here by dozens of colorful characters, including Sam Houston, Davy Crockett, Shawnee chieftain Tecumseh, and the four men who will follow Madison into the White House—James Monroe, William Henry Harrison, John Quincy Adams, and the triumphant hero Andrew Jackson.

For too long, the War of 1812 has been ignored or misunderstood. *Union 1812* thrillingly illustrates why it must take its place as one of the defining moments in American history.

A. J. Langguth, Professor Emeritus of journalism at the University of Southern California, is the author of nine books, including *Patriots: The Men Who Started the American Revolution* and *Our Vietnam: The War 1954-1975*.

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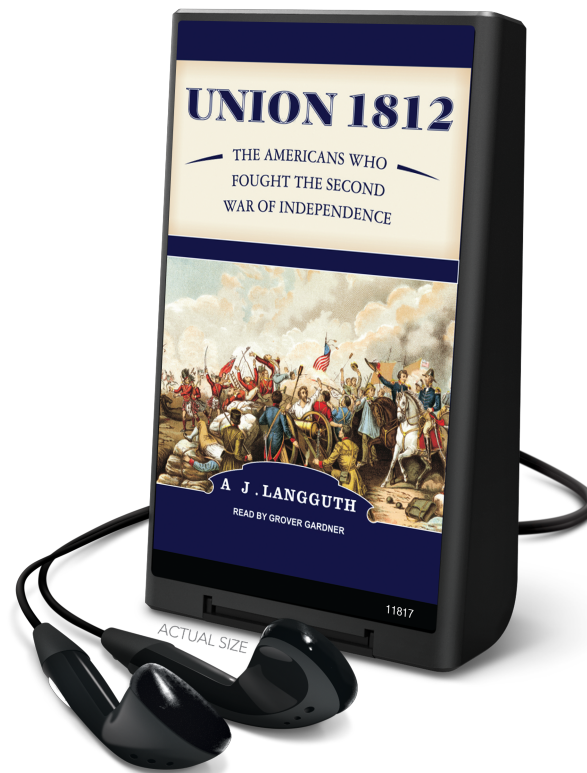


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