

The GHOST SHIP of BROOKLYN ★ ROBERT P. WATSON

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Moored off the coast of Brooklyn until the end of the war, the derelict ship, the HMS *Jersey*, was a living hell for thousands of Americans either captured by the British or accused of disloyalty. Crammed below deck—a shocking one thousand at a time—without light or fresh air, the prisoners were scarcely fed food and water. Disease ran rampant and human waste fouled the air as prisoners suffered mightily at the hands of brutal British and Hessian guards. Throughout the colonies, the mere mention of the ship sparked fear and loathing of British troops. It also sparked a backlash of outrage as newspapers everywhere described the horrors onboard the ghostly ship. This shocking event, much like the better-known Boston Massacre before it, ended up rallying public support for the war.

Revealing for the first time hundreds of accounts culled from old newspapers, diaries, and military reports, award-winning historian Robert P. Watson follows the lives and ordeals of the ship's few survivors to tell the astonishing story of the cursed ship that killed thousands of Americans and yet helped secure victory in the fight for independence.

ROBERT P. WATSON, PhD, has published over three dozen nonfiction books, two encyclopedia sets, three novels, and hundreds of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, and reference essays on topics in politics and history. A frequent media commentator, Watson has been interviewed by outlets throughout the United States and internationally and serves as the political analyst for WPTV 5 (NBC) in Florida. For many years he was also a Sunday columnist with the *Sun-Sentinel* newspaper. An award-winning author, Watson's recent books include *The Nazi Titanic*, *The Presidents' Wives*, *Affairs of the State*, and *America's First Crisis*, which received the 2014 Gold Medal in History from the Independent Publishers' Association (IPPY).



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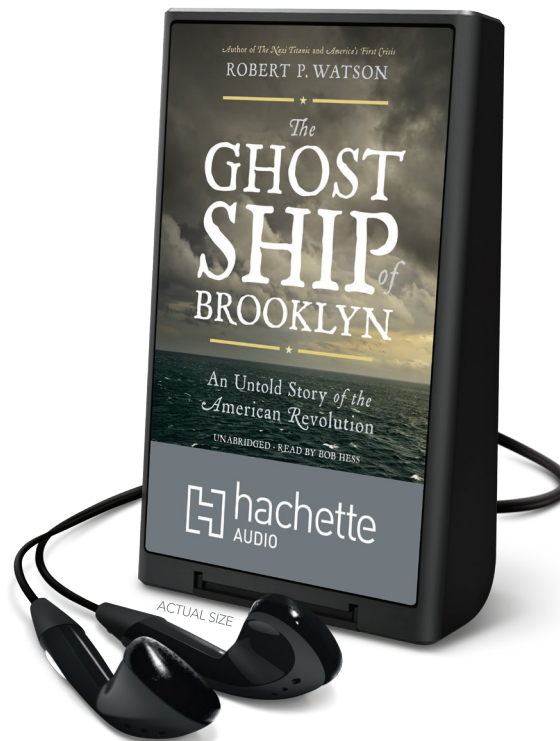
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