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Rick Atkinson (Lawrency Rush Atkinson IV) was born on November 16th, 1952 and is currently 72 years old. Rick Atkinson was born in Munich, West Germany (now Germany). Atkinson attended East Carolina University where he received a Bachelor of Arts and the University of Chicago where he received a Master of Arts.Rick Atkinson is best known as a journalist and historian from the United States who mainly focuses on military history. Atkinson got started as a journalist in 1976 when he got a job with The Pittsburg Morning Sun. A year later, he moved to The Kansas City Times, where he spent half a dozen years as a national reporter, city desk reporter, and suburban police reporter beginning in the Midwest before he ended up in Washington. By 1983, Atkinson was a general assignment reporter at The Washington Post. He would subsequently spend two years as deputy national editor working on diplomacy, defense, and other national security themes. He also worked in the investigative section of the publications and produced a series on the loan and savings scandal, public housing, and the B-2 bomber. In 1991, Rick Atkinson was credited with writing most of the lead stories about the Gulf War on the Washington Post. He would then be posted to Berlin where he covered NATO and Germany as a bureau chief, even as he also spent considerable time in Bosnia and Somalia. For his work, Rick has won the Pulitzer Prize for public service in 1999 and the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting in 1982. He has also won the International Reporting Livingston Award in 1983. Rick Atkinson published An Army at Dawn in 2002. It tells the story of the American Army in Western Europe, Italy, and North Africa during the Second World War. It starts from Normandy and follows the army as they go against the Italians and Germans in Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco to become a superb fighting force. In 2007, Rick Atkinson published the work The Day of Battle, which tells the story of the battle for Sicily and Italy. He tells of the stiff German resistance and recounts the horrors of the battles in Sicily from the perspective of the individual soldiers. Full of blood, noise, bone, smoke, gore, cold, rain, and mud, they describe the horror and brutality of war. In 2013 Rick Atkinson published The Guns at Last Night, a work that tells of the battle for Western Europe. It is all about the brutal fight for France starting on the beaches of Normandy, the liberation of Paris the horror of the Battle of the Bulge, and finally the push toward the German capital.Rick Atkinson won the Helmerich Award, Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award, in 2015.Rick Atkinson: Lists & Other MentionsThe Guns at Last Light: The War in Western Europe, 1944-1945 was a New York Times: #1 Nonfiction Best Seller in 2013.The Fate of the Day: The War for America, Fort Ticonderoga to Charleston, 1777-1780 was a New York Times: #1 Nonfiction Best Seller in 2025.Related AuthorsThe most common authors followed by users who also follow Rick Atkinson are:Rick Atkinson: F.A.Q Rick Atkinson was born on November 16th, 1952. Rick Atkinson is currently 72 years old.Rick Atkinson was born in Munich, West Germany (now Germany) and is American.Rick Atkinson has won the following awards: Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award at the Helmerich Award (2015).The first book written by Rick Atkinson was The Long Gray Line: The American Journey of West Point's Class of 1966, published in 1989.His most recently released work was The Fate of the Day: The War for America, Fort Ticonderoga to Charleston, 1777-1780 on April 29th, 2025. Rick Atkinson does not have any upcoming books with a set publication date within the next few months at this time.Rick Atkinson has written 12 books excluding contributions to anthologies. 2 books in The Revolution Trilogy Series, 3 books in the World War II Liberation Trilogy Series, 6 books in the Non-Fiction Books, 1 book in the American Warriors Series. In the initial volume of the Revolution Trilogy Ri... Updated [hour]:[minute] [AMPM] [timezone], [monthFull] [day], [year] NEW YORK (AP) — Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Atkinson has a multi-book deal that reunites him with his longtime editor and brings him to a new publisher.Atkinson has signed with Crown Publishing Group, a division of Penguin Random House, to complete the final two volumes of his highly anticipated Revolutionary War trilogy. The second volume, "The Fate of the Day," covers the years 1777-80 and will come out in May 2025. Atkinson's previous works include the Pulitzer-winning "An Army at Dawn," part of his acclaimed World War II trilogy, and the first volume of his Revolutionary War chronicles, "The British Are Coming.""Mr. Atkinson is a revolutionary in his own right, having transformed the genre of popular history," Crown President David Drake said in a statement Wednesday. "With book after book, he sets the bar at a very high level, delivering works of deep scholarship that also display a masterful literary flair." At Crown, Atkinson will work with editor John Sterling, who handled all of the author's books at his previous publisher, Henry Holt and Company. Atkinson's book deal also includes a graphic novel adaptation of "The British Are Coming" and young people's editions of his next two Revolutionary War works. The Associated Press is an independent global news organization dedicated to factual reporting. Founded in 1846, AP today remains the most trusted source of fast, accurate, unbiased news in all formats and the essential provider of the technology and services vital to the news business. More than half the world's population sees AP journalism every day. EVENT DETAILS: Doors open at 6 p.m. with live music, and the conversation begins at 7 p.m. This event includes a Q&A session, and an author signing event following in the lobby. 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If you already own the featured book, the one you receive with your ticket makes a great gift for friends and family. Or you can donate it back to us at the National Writers Series, and we'll distribute it to libraries and young writers in Northern Michigan. National Writers Series author events are usually not suitable for children, unless noted. Book links take you to Amazon. As an Amazon Associate I earn money from qualifying purchases. Rick Atkinson Rick Atkinson was born November 16, 1952 in Munich, Germany to Margaret and Larry Atkinson, a US Army officer, and as a result, he grew up on different military bases around the world. After he turned down an appointment to West Point, he attended East Carolina University on a full scholarship, graduating in 1974 with a bachelor of arts degree in English. Rick received a master of arts degree in English literature and language in 1975 from the University of Chicago. In 1975, while he was visiting his parents for Christmas at Fort Riley, Kansas, he found a job at The Morning Sun as a newspaper reporter in Pittsburg, Kansas, covering local government, crime, and other topics in southeast Kansas. Then in April of 1977, he joined The Kansas City Times' Staff, working nights in suburban Johnson County, Kansas before he moved to the city desk and later serving as a national reporter; by 1981 he had joined the newspaper's bureau in Washington, D. C. He was hired as a reporter on The Washington Post's national staff in November of 1983. He wrote about the 1984 presidential election, defense issues, and covered Rep. Geraldine Ferraro (the first female vice presidential candidate from a major party), and national topics. Rick left the newspaper world in the year 1999 in order to write about World War Ii, a consuming interest that started with his birth in Germany and was rekindled during his three year tour in Berlin. On two separate occasions, he rejoined the Post, first in 2003 when he accompanied General David Petraeus and the 101st Airborne Division during the Iraq invasion. The other time was in 2007 when he made trips to both Afghanistan and Iraq while he was writing "Left of Boom", which was an investigative series about roadside bombs in modern warfare, for which he won the Gerald R. Ford for Distinguished Reporting on National Defense. Rick has won two Pulitzer Prizes, one in 1982 for National Reporting and the other in 2003 for History. In 1999, a Pulitzer Prize was awarded to The Post for articles on shootings by the District of Columbia police department. He has also won a George Polk Award for national reporting, a Morton Mintz Award for Investigative Reporting, and the Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. Rick is married to Jane Ann Chestnut from Lawrence, Kansas who is a clinician and researcher at the National Institutes of Health, and they have two grown kids. One is named Sarah, who is a colorectal surgeon and physician at the University of Washington Medical Center, and Rush, who works as a criminal trial attorney for the Justice Department. Rick's first book, called "The Long Gray Line: The American Journey of West Point's Class of 1966", was released in the year 1989. His work is from the historical, military history, and non-fiction genres. "An Army at Dawn: The War in North Africa, 1942-1943" is the first book in the "World War II Liberation" trilogy, released in 2002. The destruction of the Third Reich and the liberation of Europe is a tale of enduring triumph and bravery, about miscalculation and calamity. No modern reader can understand the ultimately victory of the Allied powers without having a grasp of the great drama which unfolded in North Africa from 1942 and 1943. This first year of the Allied war truly was a pivotal moment in US history, and is the moment that America began acting like a great power. Starting with the daring amphibious invasion in late 1942, this follows the British and American armies while they battle the French in Morocco and Algeria, then take the Italians and Germans on in Tunisia. With each battle, an inexperienced and occasionally badly led army slowly becomes a superb fighting force. Central to this story are the extraordinary yet fallible commanders that come to dominate this battlefield: Patton, Rommel, Eisenhower, Bradley, and Montgomery. "The Day of Battle: The War in Sicily and Italy, 1943-1944" is the second book in the "World War II Liberation" trilogy, released in 2007. The Italian campaign's outcome wasn't ever certain. In fact, Churchill, Roosevelt, and their military advisers engaged in a heated debate about whether the invasion of the supposed soft underbelly of Europe was even a good idea. However, once it's under way, the commitment to liberate Italy from the Nazis never once wavered, despite the painfully high cost. The battles at Anzio, Salerno, and Monte Cassino were especially deadly and difficult, but while the months go by, the Allied forces continue driving the Germans up the Italian peninsula. American soldiers and officers, led by Lieutenant General Mark Clark (who is one of the war's most complicated and controversial commanders) become more and more proficient and determined. With Rome's liberation in June of '44, total victory at last starts to seem inevitable. "The Guns at Last Light: The War in Western Europe, 1944-1945" is the third book in the "World War II Liberation" trilogy, released in 2013. At a staggering cost, the US and its allies liberated Europe and defeated Hitler, which is the twentieth century's unrivaled epic. This is the most dramatic story of all: the titanic battle for Western Europe. D-Day marks the start of the last campaign of the European war, and Rick's riveting accounting of this bold gamble sets the tone for the masterly narrative which follows. The gruesome battle in Normandy, the disaster that wound up being Operation Market Garden, the liberation of Paris, that terrible Battle of the Bulge, and lastly, the thrust to the Third Reich's heart. All of these historic events and more are brought to life with a lot of new material as well as a mesmerizing group of characters. Rick tells this story from the point of view of the participants at each level, from generals and presidents to the war weary lieutenants and horrified teen riflemen. Once Germany finally surrenders, we comprehend anew both the devastating cost of this global fight and the gigantic efforts to win the Allied victory. 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Maps FROM THE FATE OF THE DAYMaps created by Gene Thorp, Cartographic Concepts, Inc ©2019 Rick Atkinson/Gene ThorpDiscussion guide FOR THE FATE OF THE DAY #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • In the second volume of the landmark American Revolution trilogy by the bestselling author of The British Are Coming, George Washington's army fights on the knife edge between victory and defeat."This is great history . . . compulsively readable . . . There is no better writer of narrative history than the Pulitzer Prize–winning Atkinson."—The New York Times (Editors' Choice)The first twenty-one months of the American Revolution—which began at Lexington and ended at Princeton—was the story of a ragged group of militiamen and soldiers fighting to forge a new nation. By the winter of 1777, the exhausted Continental Army could claim only that it had barely escaped annihilation by the world's most formidable fighting force.Two years into the war, George III is as determined as ever to bring his rebellious colonies to heel. But the king's task is now far more complicated: fighting a determined enemy on the other side of the Atlantic has become ruinously expensive, and spies tell him that the French and Spanish are threatening to join forces with the Americans.Prize-winning historian Rick Atkinson provides a riveting narrative covering the middle years of the Revolution. Stationed in Paris, Benjamin Franklin woos the French; in Pennsylvania, George Washington pleads with Congress to deliver the money, men, and materiel he needs to continue the fight. In New York, General William Howe, the commander of the greatest army the British have ever sent overseas, plans a new campaign against the Americans—even as he is no longer certain that he can win this searing, bloody war. The months and years that follow bring epic battles at Brandywine, Saratoga, Monmouth, and Charleston, a winter of misery at Valley Forge, and yet more appeals for sacrifice by every American committed to the struggle for freedom.Timed to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the beginning of the Revolution, Atkinson's brilliant account of the lethal conflict between the Americans and the British offers not only deeply researched and spectacularly dramatic history, but also a new perspective on the demands that a democracy makes on its citizens.
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