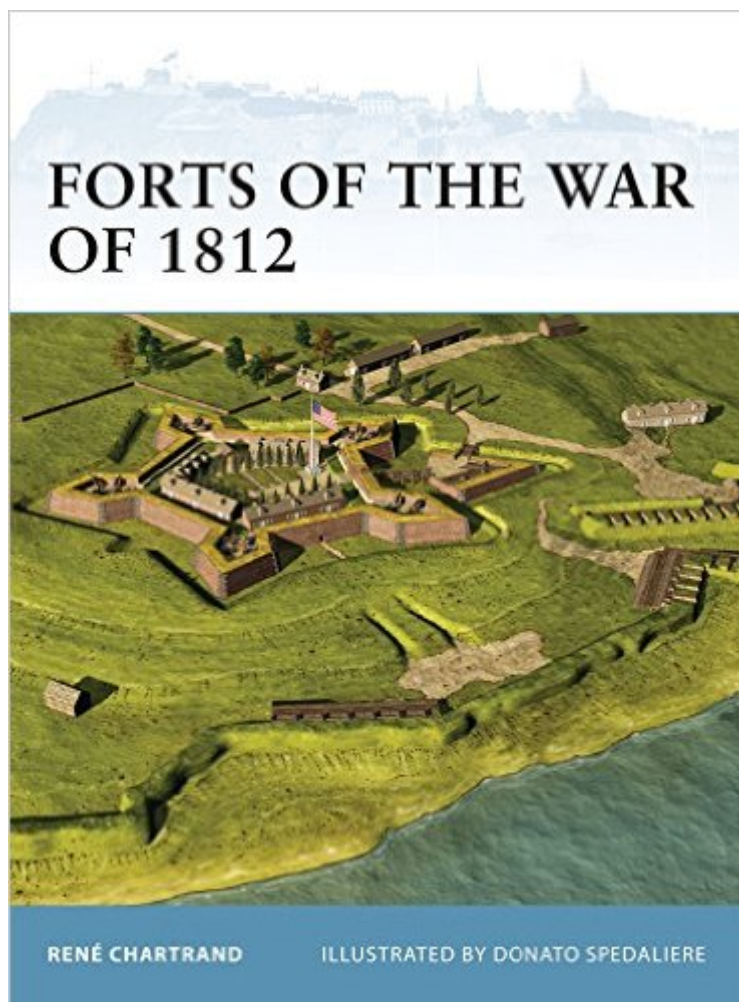


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could truly claim that it had "won" the War of 1812, all combatants except Native Americans could point to some positive outcomes, from the conflict. From the American point of view, the war was important in that it freed the United States from its junior status among the nations of the world and allowed it to expand westward with little concern over future invasion encroachment. While FORTS OF THE WAR OF 1812 is an excellent primer on the fortifications of that much overlooked and least understood conflict, the author has made a number of errors in their description and history. They are notated below:

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