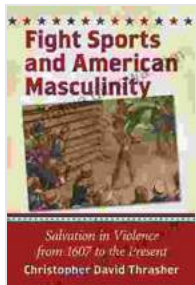


# Salvation in Violence: A Brutal and Enduring Legacy from 1607 to the Present

A Haunting Exploration of America's Violent Past and Its Resonances in the Present



## Fight Sports and American Masculinity: Salvation in Violence from 1607 to the Present by John J. Raspanti

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From the Jamestown Massacre of 1607 to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting of 2012, violence has been an integral part of American history. In his groundbreaking book, "Salvation in Violence: From 1607 to the Present," renowned historian Dr. Robert King explores the complex and disturbing relationship between violence and the American psyche.

### Colonial Origins and the Puritan Myth

King begins by tracing the roots of American violence to the colonial era. The settlers who came to North America brought with them a deep-seated belief that violence was a necessary means of salvation. They saw themselves as a chosen people, destined to create a New Jerusalem in the

wilderness. This belief justified their brutal treatment of Native Americans and the enslavement of Africans.

The Puritan myth, which emphasized the idea of predestination and the need for constant vigilance against the forces of evil, further fueled the violence of the colonial era. Puritans believed that they were engaged in a holy war against the devil and his agents, and they were prepared to use any means necessary to achieve victory.

### **The American Revolution and the Birth of the Nation**

The American Revolution was a watershed moment in American history, but it also marked a period of intense violence. The colonists' struggle for independence from British rule was accompanied by massacres, banditry, and civil unrest. The violence of the Revolution shaped the nation's character and set the stage for future conflicts.

The founding fathers of the United States were well aware of the dangers of violence. They enshrined the right to bear arms in the Constitution, but they also recognized the need to limit the use of force. The Bill of Rights includes provisions designed to protect citizens from arbitrary arrest, excessive bail, and cruel and unusual punishment.

### **The Civil War and the End of Slavery**

The Civil War was the deadliest conflict in American history, claiming the lives of over 600,000 people. The war was fought over the issue of slavery, and it exposed the deep racial divide that existed in the United States. The violence of the Civil War left a lasting legacy of racial tension and inequality.

The end of slavery did not bring an end to violence in America. In the decades that followed the war, African Americans faced widespread discrimination and violence. Lynchings and race riots were common, and many African Americans were forced to live in segregated communities.

## **The 20th Century and the Rise of Gun Violence**

The 20th century saw a dramatic increase in gun violence in America. The widespread availability of firearms, combined with the rise of urban gangs and the growth of the drug trade, led to a surge in homicides and other violent crimes.

Mass shootings, once a rare occurrence, became more and more common in the 20th century. The Columbine High School massacre of 1999 was a turning point in American history, sparking a national debate about gun violence and school safety.

## **The Present Day and the Fight for Social Justice**

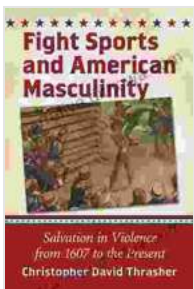
In recent years, there has been a growing movement for social justice in America. This movement has focused on addressing the systemic racism, police brutality, and economic inequality that continue to plague the nation.

The fight for social justice has led to increased tensions and protests, and violence has sometimes erupted. However, it is important to remember that violence is never the answer. The only way to achieve true justice and equality is through peaceful and democratic means.

"Salvation in Violence" is a powerful and disturbing book that exposes the dark underbelly of American history. King argues that violence has been a

constant thread running through the nation's DNA, from the colonial era to the present day.

King's book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the roots of violence in America and the challenges that we face today. It is a timely and important work that will help us to confront the legacy of violence and create a more just and peaceful future for our nation.

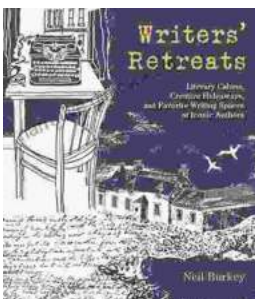


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