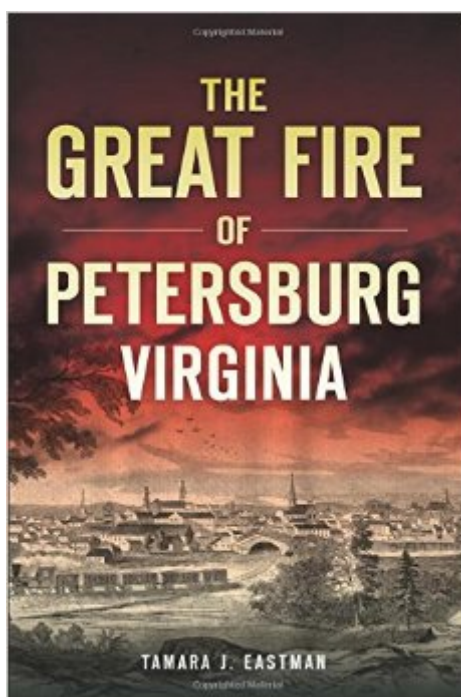


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On July 16, 1815, a fire began in a small stable in Petersburg. After only a few hours, almost two-thirds of the city lay in ruins. Citizens stood on the banks of the Appomattox River and watched as wind blew flames from one building to the next. The tragedy claimed a dozen lives and destroyed more than five hundred homes. The fire raged until it was quelled by a downpour of rain. Stories of heroism from firefighters and landowners were left in the aftermath. Author Tamara Eastman describes the city before the fire, the horrific event and the collective efforts to rebuild a stronger city.

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OK I haven't read this yet but I have just ordered 5 copies! I am from Petersburg VA, a very important but well ignored city in our nation's history. Much of Turn and other historical series on TV have been filmed in my hometown, so I am very interested in this newest book as well as the film Eastman is making of this period. My friends are posting this on FB and there will be sales. This is a period in our colonial history that is skimmed over in general education in our VA history classes where most emphasis is put on the Revolutionary war and later the signing of the Constitution, then on to the Civil War. We in our town do not know much about this and in the historical write up in wikipedia, only one sentence is devoted to it, stating that there was a fire in 1815. So we locals are very interested in reading about this. I gave it 4 stars in advance because Eastman chose to make

this bit of our history known. I'll get back to another review once I've read it. It's quite a short book, only 112 pages, so shouldn't take long to read. We are always interested in knowing more about events that occurred in our city. Back to you later.

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