



## Flight from Monticello: Thomas Jefferson at War (Paperback)

By Michael Kranish

Oxford University Press Inc, United States, 2011. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. On June 4, 1781 Thomas Jefferson fled Monticello mere minutes ahead of the British soldiers rushing to capture him. He nearly became the most valuable American prisoner of the Revolutionary War: his life-and the momentum of the entire war-balanced on a razor s edge. In Flight from Monticello, Michael Kranish illuminates the central importance of this harrowing moment to Jefferson s life and to the fate of the young nation. Flight from Monticello is a sweeping narrative of clashing armies, of spies, intrigue, desperate decisions, and gut-wrenching battles. In vivid, precisely observed scenes, Kranish captures the tumultuous outbreak of war, the local politics guiding Jefferson s actions in the Continental Congress, and his rise to become the second governor of Virginia. A lifelong belief in the corrupting influence of a powerful executive led Jefferson to argue for a weak governorship, one that lacked the means to raise an adequate army. The state was thus woefully unprepared for the invading British troops who sailed up the James under the direction of a recently turned Benedict Arnold. Facing only rag-tag resistance, the British force took...



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