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Dr. Page Smith's Book Released By Publishers

Dr. Page Smith's two - volume work on the American Revolution, "A New Age Now Begins," has been released by McGraw - Hill Book Company and are now in the local book stores.

Later this year, the work, hailed by Samuel Eliot Morison, Pulitzer Prize winning historian, as a "great and magnificent work—," will be released as a major Book - of - the - Month Club selection.

Saturday, the author, a resident of the Bonny Doon area, will be at the bookshops to autograph copies of his books.

From 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. he will appear at the Bookshop Santa Cruz, and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. he will be at Plaza Books & Stuff. Both are on the Pacific Avenue Mall.

Said to be the first major work on the Revolution in almost a hundred years, Smith said that the writing is designed to "bring the Revolution to the people."

Mentioned on the book flap is that "Page Smith has the advantage, in trying to interpret

the Revolution for the modern reader, of three crucial intervening episodes in our history: World Wars I and II and the Vietnam War. It is the author's contention that history itself is our best teacher."

Morison says of the books, "Smith writes a fine narrative style, reminding me of the Trevelyan and Parkman. His story of Bunker Hill is a real thriller.

"He brings out the significance of the Stamp Act as no one has since Bancroft. His chapter on Washington resigning his commission, and the disbanding of the Army is a masterpiece."

The work covers every aspect of the Revolutionary struggle, dealing with Congress, the states, the British Parliament, actions and feelings of blacks and Indians, the colonists, Tories, and women.

Dr. Smith was educated at Dartmouth College and Harvard University. He taught at UCLA and was one of the first professors at UC Santa Cruz where he was also provost at Cowell College.