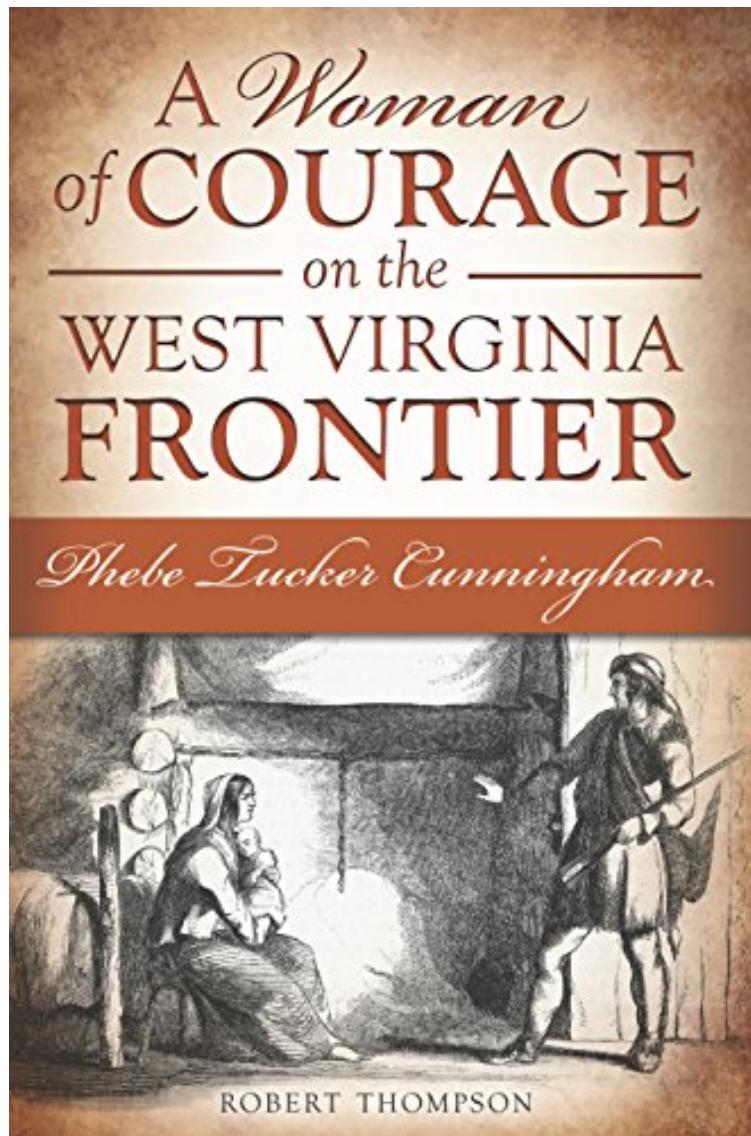


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Life on the West Virginia frontier was a daily struggle for survival. For Phebe Tucker Cunningham, that meant the loss of her four children at the hands of the Wyandot tribe and being held captive for three years until legendary renegades Simon Girty and Alexander McKee arranged her freedom. Author Robert Thompson recounts the harrowing story of this courageous woman, from her marriage at Prickett's Fort in 1780 to her return to the shores of the Monongahela. Thompson describes in vivid detail early colonial life in the Alleghenies and the ways of the Wyandot, providing historical context for this unforgettable saga.

**About the Author** Robert Thompson is a historian living in the St. Louis, Missouri area. A former career military officer, he holds a BA in History from Texas Tech University and was a Distinguished Graduate of the American Military University. He has previously published articles in the publications, *America's Civil War and Military History*.