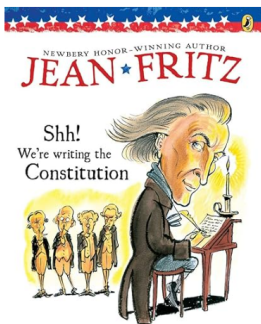




## Titles for the Reading Revolution

### For consideration for Grades 2 and 4 (Virginia Studies)



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#### Shh! We're Writing the Constitution Paperback – Picture

Book, December 29, 1997

by Jean Fritz (Author), Tomie dePaola (Illustrator)

4.7 ★★★★★ 258 ratings

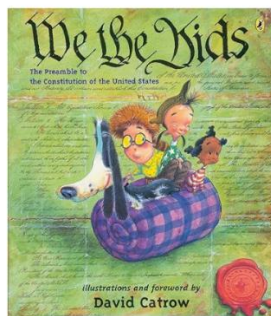
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Go behind the scenes at the Constitutional Convention, thanks to award-winning author Jean Fritz's words!

This factual gem that's written with Newbery Honor author Jean Fritz's humorous touch chronicles the hot summer of 1787 where fifty-five delegates from thirteen states huddled together in the strictest secrecy in Philadelphia to draw up the constitution of the United States!

Includes a copy of the Constitution and those who signed it!

"An informative, interesting, and immensely readable account of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 . . . An excellent choice for introducing young readers to the complexities of the constitution."—*School Library Journal*



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#### We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States Paperback – Picture Book, April 21, 2005

by David Catrow (Author, Illustrator)

4.7 ★★★★★ 472 ratings

**#1 Best Seller** in Children's Government Books

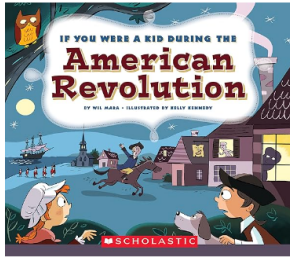
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Brush up on the Preamble to the Constitution with this patriotic picture book—and have a couple of good laughs while you're at it!

A long time ago some smart guys wrote the Preamble to the Constitution. You have probably read it before, but do you know what it means? And did it ever make you laugh? Now it will! Perfect for inspiring discussion in classrooms and around kitchen tables, this fun-filled and cheerfully illustrated look at the Preamble provides an accessible introduction to America's founding ideals for citizens of *all* ages.

Includes a glossary of terms and a foreword by the artist.

"This zany, patriotic paean offers kids lighthearted but meaningful incentive to reflect further on the relevance of those 'big words' and 'big ideas.'"—*Publishers Weekly*



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## If You Were a Kid During the American Revolution



(If You Were a Kid) Paperback – September 1, 2016

by Wil Mara (Author), Kelly Kennedy (Illustrator)

4.7 ★★★★★ 308 ratings

Part of: If You Were a Kid (14 books)

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Get a first hand look at the early days of the American Revolution.

When British soldiers accuse Samuel Richardson's father and uncle of being rebellious Patriots, Samuel must work together with his cousin Molly to help the family make an escape. Readers (Ages 7-9) will follow along on the cousins' adventure as they witness the early days of the American Revolution and come up with a daring plan to save their fathers.

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Reading age



7 - 9 years

Part of series



If You Were a Kid

Print length

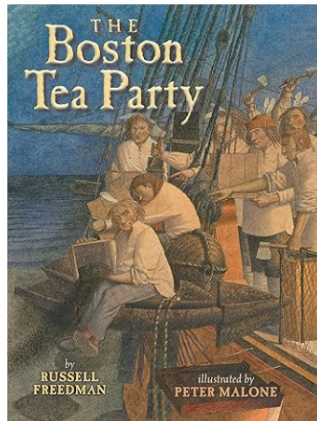


32 pages

Language



English



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## The Boston Tea Party Paperback – Illustrated, September 1, 2013



by Russell Freedman (Author), Peter Malone (Illustrator)

4.8 ★★★★★ 75 ratings

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**Follow a crowd of disguised protestors through the quiet streets of colonial Boston as they defend their right to control their own destinies.**

Russell Freedman's engaging narrative, incorporating meticulous research and quotes from contemporary accounts, follows the rising tensions between the citizens of Boston and representatives of the British Crown. From the controversial, unpopular taxes on tea through the defiant act of dumping hundreds of chests of British cargo into the harbor, this exciting retelling puts readers in the middle of this historic event.

Detailed watercolor illustrations bring this story of early American protest to life, artfully depicting the colonial era and the charged atmosphere of Boston in the weeks leading up to the Boston Tea Party. Informational backmatter includes a bibliography, index, and historic map of Boston.

A perfect introduction to a pivotal moment in American history for young readers.

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Reading age



7 - 10 years

Print length



40 pages

Language



English

Grade level



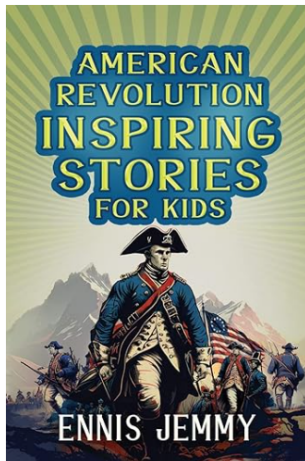
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## American Revolution Inspiring Stories for Kids: A Collection of Memorable True Tales About Courage, Goodness, Rescue, and Civic Duty To Inspire Young ... War of Independence (Facts & History Book) Paperback

– March 4, 2023

by Ennis Jemmy (Author)

4.3 ★★★★★ 32 ratings

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**Note:** This book does not give any content about torture & distortion stories, kidnapping, burn, or any negative events that had a relationship with killing, it's just for children who are dreamers, who want to benefit from the positive experiences of the American Revolutionary War.

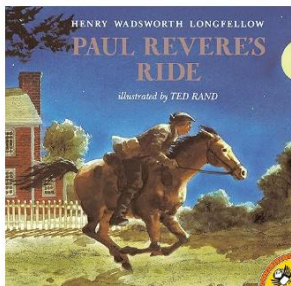
If you grew up attending the American school system, you likely feel confident in your knowledge of the Revolutionary War. George Washington, the Battle of Lexington and Concord, Paul Revere, the Surrender at Yorktown—what else could there possibly be? But as with any war, and especially any revolutionary period, there were a number of events so odd and positive that teaching them is nearly impossible.

This book is a collection of stories based on real-life events during the Revolutionary War. It includes 10 inspiring stories that introduce us to unique characters with different characteristics.

**Your kids will read about different kinds of stories.**

**Animals:** from Blueskin, the horse that was a very special companion for George Washington To Nelson, the horse who was more docile and easygoing than his companion. Both were very important and valuable assets in the battles the Patriots faced. They had been well-trained by Washington to perform as hard as the other horses in his army.

**Civilians:** from Sybil's bravery in protecting her loved ones during the revolution To Lydia's determination to break societal norms and contribute significantly to the cause. There are also more daring characters, both men and women, who risked their lives in a war zone to save others.



## Paul Revere's Ride Paperback – Picture Book, March 1, 1996

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (Author), Ted Rand (Illustrator)

4.8 ★★★★★ 488 ratings

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Longfellow's tribute to the famous revolutionary hero begins with the stirring cadence that American schoolchildren have committed to memory for over a century. Now illustrator Ted Rand brings these vivid and beautiful lines to life as dramatically as the poet's immortal message inspires. "The clatter of hooves seems to echo in Rand's evocative paintings of that famed midnight ride..." --Kirkus reviews

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Reading age



5 - 8 years

Print length



40 pages

Language



English

Grade level



Kindergarten - 3

Lexile measure



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## Jack Jouett: Portrait of An American Hero Paperback – April 9, 2014

by Martha J. Hutcherson (Author), Rebecca B. Blair (Illustrator)

4.8 ★★★★★ 7 ratings

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A brave man, a devoted horse, and a daring midnight ride. Those are the exciting ingredients of this true account of an American hero, Captain Jack Jouett. His son Matthew tells the amazing story of his father's ride to warn Thomas Jefferson that the British were coming to capture him and the Virginia legislature on June 3, 1781. Jouett eventually moved to Kentucky where he was a friend of Henry Clay and Andrew Jackson. Recommended for young readers ages 8-12.

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Print length



24 pages

Language



English

Publisher



Benjamin Press

Publication date

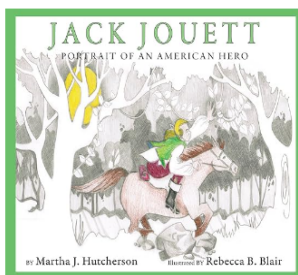


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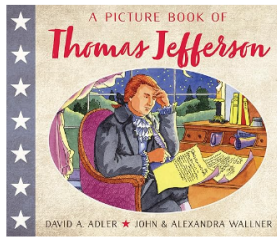
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## A Picture Book of Thomas Jefferson (Picture Book Biography)



Paperback – Picture Book, April 10, 2018

by David A. Adler (Author), John Wallner (Illustrator), Alexandra Wallner (Illustrator)

4.8 ★★★★★ 68 ratings

Part of: Picture Book Biography (16 books)

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**A President who could hunt, plow, and shoe a horse, Jefferson was an avid reader, a lawyer, an inventor, a statesman, and the author of the Declaration of Independence.**

Thomas Jefferson was one of America's Founding Fathers. He was George Washington's secretary of state, John Adam's vice president, and the third President of the United States.

Adler's biography of President Jefferson is interesting, easy to read and filled with colorful pictures that help young children learn the story of one of America's greatest founders from his time as a boy until his death on July 4, 1826—fifty years after the Declaration of Independence.

For almost thirty years, David Adler's Picture Book Biography series has profiled famous people who changed the world. Colorful, kid-friendly illustrations combine with Adler's "expert mixtures of facts and personality" (*Booklist*) to introduce young readers to history through compelling biographies of presidents, heroes, inventors, explorers, and adventurers. These books are ideal for first and second graders interested in history, or who need reliable sources for school book reports.

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Reading age



4 - 8 years

Part of series



Picture Book Biography

Print length



32 pages

Language



English

Grade level



Preschool - 3



## A Picture Book of George Washington (Picture Book Biography)



Paperback – September 11, 2018

by David A. Adler (Author), John Wallner (Illustrator), Alexandra Wallner (Illustrator)

4.8 ★★★★★ 168 ratings

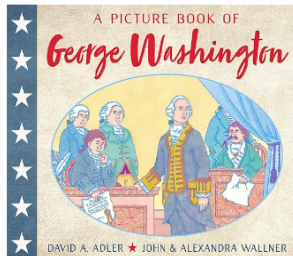
Part of: Picture Book Biography (16 books)

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**The life and legacy of our nation's first president, also known as commander of the Continental Army, husband to Martha, and an avid farmer and equestrian.**

Over two hundred years after his death, George Washington remains one of the most studied figures in American history. This clear and concise picture book biography covers the important facts and historical background, complemented by charming illustrations. The text details Washington's early life as well as the Revolutionary War and his impressive career as leader of the newly formed United States. Young readers will love learning more about the man who was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." Back matter features a timeline.

Repackaged paperback edition has an elegant new series design!



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## Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette



Hardcover – Picture Book, April 1, 2013

by Selene Castrovilla (Author), Drazen Kozjan (Illustrator)

4.7 ★★★★★ 69 ratings

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Society of School Librarians International Book Award Honor

California Reading Association Eureka! Nonfiction Honor

Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year

Booklist Top Ten Biography for Youth

Young fans of the smash Broadway hit "Hamilton" will enjoy this narrative nonfiction picture book story about the important friendship between George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette during the Revolutionary War.

Lafayette has come to America to offer his services to the patriotic cause. Inexperienced but dedicated, he is a much-needed ally and not only earns a military position with the Continental Army but also Washington's respect and admiration. This picture book presents the human side of history, revealing the bond between two famous Revolutionary figures. Both the author and illustrator worked with experts and primary sources to represent both patriots and the war accurately and fairly.

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Reading age



7 - 10 years

Print length



40 pages

Language



English

Grade level



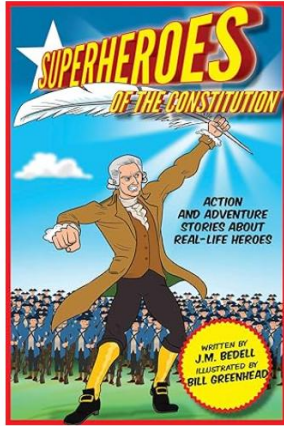
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Lexile measure



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## Superheroes of the Constitution: Action and Adventure Stories About

Real-Life Heroes Paperback – June 20, 2017

by J.M. Bedell (Author), Bill Greenhead (Author)

3.9 ★★★★★ 2 ratings

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Kids everywhere should know that America has had it's own real-life Justice League! Here are the stories of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln to Susan B. Anthony and Sojourner Truth.

Each of these heroes used their very own super powers of truth, justice, and tenacity in the fight for liberty.

- The Freedom League: Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams
- Protectors of Liberty: John Dickinson, James Madison, Roger Sherman, George Washington, John Way
- Alliance for Justice: George Mason, Abraham Lincoln. John Bingham, Frederick Douglass, Mary Ann Shadd Cary
- And more!

This fun, illustrated look at the fearless superheroes of U.S. history shows how true stories are often the most exciting.

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Reading age	Print length	Language	Grade level	Dimensions
4 - 12 years	112 pages	English	1 - 2	6 x 0.3 x 9 inches



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## The American Revolution: Experience the Battle for Independence

Paperback – March 17, 2015

by Judy Dodge Cummings (Author), Tom Casteel (Illustrator)

4.7 ★★★★★ 8 ratings

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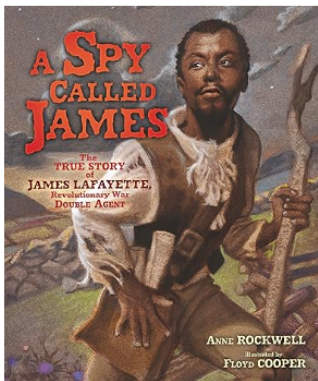
Kids love stories about underdogs, and the American Revolution is among the most famous of these tales. Desperate to be an independent country free from Britain, the rebel colonists relied on their cunning wit and visionary leadership to win an impossible war. And then they faced the real hardship?creating a country out of a victorious but chaotic society.

Using engaging text, hands-on activities, and links to primary sources, *The American Revolution: Experience the Battle for Independence* shows readers how rebel soldiers fought in horrific conditions while their families faced their own hardships for the sake of freedom. Students examine wartime propaganda to discover the truth about events leading up to the war, and engage in vibrant debate, strategic planning, and literary deconstruction to understand the official documents upon which America is founded. Building a marshmallow cannon and creating real colonial food are some of the projects that engage readers' design skills. Essential questions require readers to activate their critical thinking skills to discover the truth about the most important moment in American history.

*The American Revolution* meets Common Core State Standards for literacy in history and social studies; Guided Reading Levels and Lexile measurements indicate grade level and text complexity.

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Reading age	Print length	Language	Grade level	Lexile measure
9 - 12 years	128 pages	English	3 - 7	930L



## A Spy Called James: The True Story of James Lafayette,

Revolutionary War Double Agent Hardcover – Picture Book, November 1, 2016

by Anne Rockwell (Author), Floyd Cooper (Illustrator)

4.9 ★★★★★ 88 ratings

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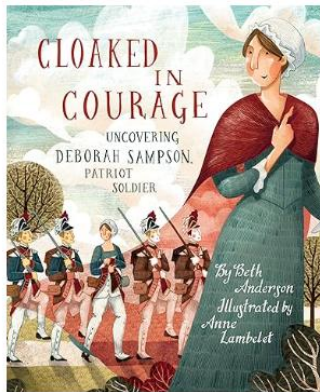
Told for the first time in picture book form is the true story of James Lafayette—an enslaved person who spied for George Washington's army during the American Revolution.

After his resounding defeat at the battle of Yorktown, British general Charles Cornwallis made a point of touring the American camp, looking for the reason behind his loss. What he didn't expect to see was James, an escaped enslaved person who had served as a guide to the British army. Or at least that's what Cornwallis was led to believe. In fact, James wasn't actually a runaway—he was a spy for the American army.

But while America celebrated its newfound freedom, James returned to slavery in Virginia. His service as a spy hadn't qualified him for the release he'd been hoping for. For James the fight wasn't over; his next adversary was the Virginia General Assembly. He'd already helped his country gain its freedom, now it was time to win his own.

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## Cloaked in Courage: Uncovering Deborah Sampson, Patriot Soldier



Hardcover – Picture Book, November 15, 2022

by Beth Anderson (Author), Anne Lambelet (Illustrator)

4.5 ★★★★★ 20 ratings

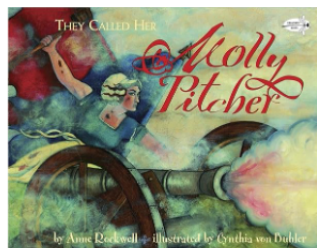
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**The remarkable story of Deborah Sampson, a woman who fought in the American Revolution disguised as a man—and who ends up finding her true identity and purpose in life.**

Deborah Sampson didn't like being told what to do, especially by the King of England. Fiercely independent, 18-year-old Deborah enlists as Robert Shurtliff in George Washington's Continental Army to fight for her country's independence. But being a soldier is hard, dangerous work. Can she fight for her country and keep her identity a secret? Can she also discover who she really is and find her true purpose? This unbelievable story from American history about a woman with a rebel spirit will inspire and enlighten young readers.

"*Cloaked in Courage* is inspiring storytelling centering the life and actions of a brave woman and soldier, Deborah Sampson. Anderson's contribution brings to light a lesser-known hero in history and emphasizes the importance of historical investigation and research." —**Lori Ann Terjesen, director of education, National Women's History Museum**

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## They Called Her Molly Pitcher Paperback – Picture Book, August 22, 2006



by Anne Rockwell (Author), Cynthia von Buhler (Illustrator)

4.7 ★★★★★ 77 ratings

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**The rousing true tale of an American Revolution heroine.**

When her husband joined General Washington's army, Molly Hays went with him. All through the winter at Valley Forge, Molly watched and listened. Then in July, in the battle at Monmouth, she would show how much she had learned. Molly could tell the day would be a scorcher, so she decided to bring water from a nearby spring to the fighting men. More than 50 British soldiers would die of heatstroke that day, but the American soldiers need only cry, "Molly-pitcher!" On one trip through the fighting field, she saw her husband get shot. She satisfied herself that he wouldn't die from his wound, then took over his job—firing off the cannon!

Molly epitomized the feisty, self-reliant spirit of the colonists who would soon win their battle for independence—and her story has rightly become a beloved legend of American history.

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Reading age	Print length	Language	Grade level	Lexile measure
3 - 7 years	40 pages	English	Preschool - 2	830L



## George vs. George: The American Revolution As Seen from Both Sides Paperback – Illustrated, January 9, 2007



by Rosalyn Schanzer (Author)

4.7 ★★★★★ 824 ratings

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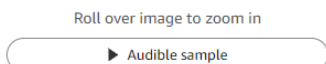
There are two sides to every story. Rosalyn Schanzer's engaging and wonderfully illustrated book brings to life both sides of the American Revolution.

The narrative introduces anew the two enemies, both named George: George Washington, the man who freed the America colonies from the British, and George III, the British king who lost them. Two leaders on different sides of the Atlantic, yet with more in common than we sometimes acknowledge. We are lead through their story, and the story of their times, and see both sides of the arguments that divided the colonies from the Kingdom. Was King George a "Royal Brute" as American patriots claimed? Or was he, as others believed, "the father of the people?" Was George Washington a scurrilous traitor, as all the king's supporters claimed? Or should we remember and celebrate him as "the father of his country?" Who was right? History teaches us that there are two sides to every story.

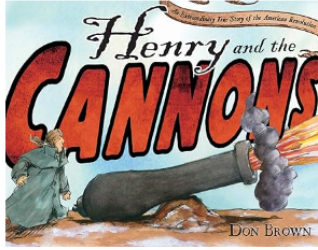
Rosalyn Schanzer's book is an accessible account of one the most vital periods in American history. It is also a timeless lesson in seeing history from different points of view. The author spent two years researching books, paintings, cartoons.

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Reading age	Print length	Language	Grade level	Lexile measure	Dimer
8 - 11 years, from customers	64 pages	English	3 - 7	1120L	8.49 x 0.1 in.



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## Henry and the Cannons: An Extraordinary True Story of the American Revolution Hardcover – Picture Book, January 22, 2013

by Don Brown (Author, Illustrator)

4.7 ★★★★★ 35 ratings

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Before Washington crossed the Delaware, Henry Knox crossed Massachusetts in winter—with 59 cannons in tow.

In 1775 in the dead of winter, a bookseller named Henry Knox dragged 59 cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston—225 miles of lakes, forest, mountains, and few roads. It was a feat of remarkable ingenuity and determination and one of the most remarkable stories of the revolutionary war. In *Henry and the Cannons* the perils and adventure of his journey come to life through Don Brown's vivid and evocative artwork.

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Reading age



5 - 9 years

Print length



32 pages

Language



English

Grade level



1 - 2

Lexile measure



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