

Historical Fiction – Revolutionary War



F AND

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Chains [2008].

At the start of the Revolutionary War, Isabel is sold to a cruel loyalist family, even though she has been promised freedom by her former owner. Soon faced with the choice of working for or against the British, Isabel chooses to work with anyone who can help her.

F AVI

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The Fighting Ground [1987, 1984].

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

F BER

Berleth, Richard J and Watling, James.

Samuel's Choice [1990].

Samuel, a fourteen-year-old slave in Brooklyn in 1776, faces a difficult choice when the fighting between the British and the colonists reaches his doorstep and only he can help the rebels.

F BLA

Blackwood, Gary

The Year of the Hangman [2002].

In 1777, having been kidnapped and taken forcibly from England to the American colonies, fifteen-year-old Creighton becomes part of developments in the political unrest there that may spell defeat for the patriots and change the course of history.

F COL

Collier, James Lincoln and Collier, Christopher

My Brother Sam is Dead [1985, 1974].

Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

F DEN

Denenberg, Barry

The Journal of William Thomas Emerson, A Revolutionary War Patriot [1998].

William, a twelve-year-old orphan, writes of his experiences in pre-Revolutionary War Boston where he joins the cause of the patriots who are opposed to British rule. (My Name is America Series)

F EDM

Edmonds, Walter Dumaux

Drums Along the Mohawk [1936].

Gilbert Martin and his new bride Lana, pioneers in the Mohawk Valley, live and protect their land through weather disasters, love and hate and Indian attacks

F FIN

Finlayson, Ann and Streeter, Sherry

Rebecca's War [1972].

Left in charge of her brother and sister in occupied Philadelphia in 1777, fourteen-year-old Rebecca's life is complicated further when two British soldiers are billeted in her house.

F FLO

Florentz, Christopher

So Wild a Dream [1977].

Seventeen-year-old Beth's seemingly simple mission to deliver a letter for General Washington ends in a British camp where she is sentenced to hang as a spy.

F FOR

Forbes, Esther and Ward, Lynd Kendall.

Johnny Tremain [1987, 1971].

Follows a young apprentice from a tragic accident in a silversmith's shop to his dramatic involvement as a patriot in the days just before the American Revolution.

F GRE

Gregory, Kristiana

The Winter of Red Snow: The Revolutionary War Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart [1996].

Eleven-year-old Abigail presents a diary account of life in Valley Forge from Dec. 1777 to July 1778 as General Washington prepares his troops to fight the British. (Dear America Series)

F JON

Jones, Peter

Rebel in the Night [1971].

A young farmer becomes a soldier in the Revolutionary War and discovers other motives behind the movement for American liberation.

F ODE

O'Dell, Scott

Sarah Bishop [1980].

Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.

F RIN

Rinaldi, Ann

Or Give Me Death: A Novel of Patrick Henry's Family [2003].

With their father away most of the time advocating independence for the American colonies, the children of Patrick Henry try to raise themselves, manage the family plantation, and care for their mentally ill mother.

F STE

Sterman, Betsy

Saratoga Secret [1998].

Burgoyne & his British troops invade the Upper Hudson River Valley, 16-year-old Amity must carry a secret message to the Continental Army to give warning of the impending attack.

NON-FICTION (Selected)

342.73 FRE

Freedman, Russell

In Defense of Liberty [2002].

Describes the origins, applications of, and challenges to the ten amendments to the United States Constitution that comprise the Bill of Rights.

973.3 ARO

Aronson, Marc.

The Real Revolution: The Global Story of American Independence [2005].

Why did the American Revolution take place? It was about more than the dates and details we all know: war elephants charging a fort in India and high-stakes gambles of bankers in Scotland, among other events, also played a part in the "real revolution" in the minds of the entire population of what would become the United States.

973.3 BOB

Bobrick, Benson

Fight for Freedom: The American Revolutionary War [2004].

The renowned historian pens a passionate chronicle of the American Revolution for young readers that contains personal anecdotes from soldiers and profiles of the many historical luminaries involved.

973.3 FLE

Fleming, Thomas J.

Everybody's Revolution: A New Look at the People Who Won America's Freedom [2006].

A history of the American Revolution, focusing on the roles played by women and various other ethnic groups.

973.3 FRA

Fradin, Dennis B.

The Signers : The Fifty-Six Stories Behind The Declaration of Independence [2002].

Profiles each of the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence, giving historical information about the colonies they represented. Includes the text of the Declaration and its history.

973.3 FRE

Freedman, Russell

Give Me Liberty! : The Story of the Declaration of Independence [2000].

Describes the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence as well as the personalities and politics behind its framing.

973.3 SCH

Schanzer, Rosalyn

George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen by Both Sides [2000].

Explores how the characters and lives of King George III of England and George Washington affected the progress and outcome of the American Revolution.

BIOGRAPHY

B WAS

Allen, Thomas B.

George Washington, Spymaster: How America Outspied The British and Won The Revolutionary War [2004].

A biography of Revolutionary War general and first President of the United States, George Washington, focusing on his use of spies to gather intelligence that helped the colonies win the war.