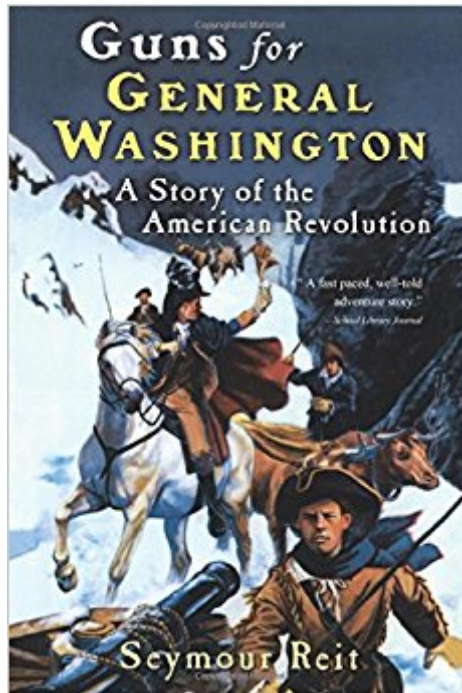




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Guns For General Washington: A Story Of The American Revolution



Synopsis

Seymour Reit re-creates the true story of Will Knox, a nineteen-year-old boy who undertook the daring and dangerous task of transporting 183 cannons from New York's Fort Ticonderoga to Boston--in the dead of winter--to help George Washington win an important battle.

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Grade 4-7-- A novel about a little-known event in American history--the great cannon trek of 1775. Colonel Henry Knox conceived a plan to take desperately needed cannons and ammunition from New York's Fort Ticonderoga to Boston where rebel forces feared that a British attack was imminent. The huge, ungainly guns had to be moved during the winter over hundreds of miles of mountainous wilderness. The bulk of this book re-creates that arduous journey to and from the fort. Despite its pedestrian title and uninspired cover art, this is a fast paced, well-told adventure story. Dialogue among the characters sounds authentic and never forced. Will Knox, the colonel's 19-year-old brother, goes along on the trek and provides a character with whom readers can readily identify. Satisfying historical fiction that deserves a place on library shelves for its clear telling of an important but obscure chapter in American history. --Bruce Anne Shook, Mendenhall Middle School, Greensboro, NC
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“A fast paced, well-told adventure story...Authentic...Satisfying.”
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I wouldn't say that I love the writing style of this book, but I do love the detail of what it took to secure the arms and move cannons across the wilderness and the colonies back before we had the infrastructure and machinery that we do now. My son commented on the personalities involved and how people's attitudes would be easier or harder to deal with when you were undertaking such a task and that right there was a win in my book - I want him to understand that history is affected by the personalities of the people involved and also that his own attitude makes a difference with other people. I also appreciate the detail given on the hardships faced, the different landscapes they had to traverse. They could have written a shorter story but, if they had, I don't think my son would have walked away from the book understanding the effort and sacrifice our forefathers made.

My 10-year-old son really really liked this book. He loves history books and I bought this for him to read after we visited Mt. Vernon. It was a perfect book for him to read at that time.

I loved this story. I love history and the Revolutionary War has always been sadly overlooked in American story-telling. So many stepped up in a time of need like this that it is easy to overlook the fact that they were common people who knew how to work within the bounds and elements they faced with a foresight and determination that is uncommon. The heroes in this story exemplify this. I hate to think where we would be without them. The book is written as an adventure story for young readers, and young readers, as well as senior citizens like me, will enjoy the story. It keeps your interest very well, and since it is a true story of victory, the ending is great. I can't wait to pass it on to my great-nephew and great-nieces. They'll love it, too.

Clear, easy to read, and entertaining account of the Knox Expedition to retrieve the guns from Fort Ticonderoga. It includes details missing in some of the other accounts. Tells part of the story from the viewpoint of youth, which provides a refreshing perspective. I am using it as one of the resources for my Blogging a Book website: PatriotsAndRedcoats.Com.

My 11-year old said it was "pretty good for a book I was forced to read about a subject I don't like." I

count that as high praise.

WRITTEN BY A MIDDLE -SCHOOLER. This is a great book I enjoyed reading it a lot. It's very exiting and very well told. It tells true the story of how Henry Knox and his brother Will Knox go through the mountains and many hardships to transport cannons, mortars and other supplies from Fort Ticonderoga to Cambridge for General Washington. I really enjoyed this book and I recommend it.

Easy to read engaging historical fiction. A great story of brotherhood, friendship, courage, patriotism, loyalty, and hope. I liked the nature of the Knox brothers: always a positive and hopeful. Reminds me it's great to be in a family.

I bought this book for my pre-teen son. It was an easy read that he was able to finish in one day, digest, and come back and provide me with a book report about. He was able to explain the story to me in a few minutes which tells me the book is well written and understandable. Also, the book was read in one (summer) day giving him a sense of accomplishment and building confidence.

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