

## **Annotated Bibliography**

### Abigail Adams: Girl of Colonial Days

Jean Brown Wagoner, James J. Ponter (illustrator)

Econo-Clad Books

October 1992

\$12.70

This book provides the biography of Abigail Adams, concentrating on her childhood. The use of simple language and details allows for easy and fun reading. The story follows Abigail through childhood into adolescence and adulthood. Her roles of daughter, granddaughter, family member, adventurer, friend, and wife of president John Quincy Adams.

### And then what happened, Paul Revere?

Jean Fritz, Margot Tomes (illustrator)

Paper Star & G.P. Putnam's Sons

1973

\$6.99

This book provides information on the world in which Paul Revere grew up, his childhood and adolescence, jobs, and quest for excitement. It follows him through his hobbies of engraving pictures, bringing out hymnbooks, and discusses his role in the Sons of Liberty. Cartoon pictures (some in black and white and others in color) bring fun to the story. The story follows Paul Revere to his warning John Hancock and Samuel Adams as well as his life after the Revolution and the changes that followed.

### Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?

by Jean Fritz, Tomie dePaola (illustrator)

The Putnam Publishing Group

August 1996

\$6.99

This book allows readers to explore the tensions between the colonists and their mother country, Britain, in a way that is both informative and fun. King George III is shown trying to be a good king, but all the while maintaining high standards that everyone would obey his rules, even if they didn't like them. The book discusses why the Americans were so unhappy with his rules and what happened as a result. The book is presented in color.

### Come All You Brave Soldiers: Blacks in the Revolutionary War

Clinton Cox

Scholastic, Inc.

December 1998

\$15.95

This story allows children to read about the plight of the thousands of African Americans who served during the Revolutionary War. The story includes some insight into the often overlooked history of the African Americans in the war. Children learn the names and events behind the general statements of "African Americans also fought". They learn about the blacks' involvement in fights, spying, duties, and deaths. The issue of slavery is attended to as children read about how slaves fought for their owners and may have been offered freedom. Students will also learn of various significant people during the Revolution and their beliefs about slavery. The book also goes into detail of the role that African Americans played in the war effort. This book would be appropriate for more advanced fifth graders, as it is designed for

middle-school students. The text begins with the Boston Massacre and follows soldiers to the Battle of Yorktown. Black and white photos accompany the text.

David Bushnell and His Turtle

June Swanson, Mike Eagle (illustrator)

Atheneum Publishing

September 1991

\$18.88

This book tells the story of David Bushnell and his invention, the submarine. It discusses the challenges faced with the submarine and how Bushnell worked to solve his problems. The book is written clearly in short chapters with both black-and-white and colored pictures.

George Washington: A Picture Book Biography

James Cross Giblin, Michael Dooling (illustrator)

Scholastic, Inc.

December 1997

\$5.99

This book follows George Washington from his youth, which included a quest for adventure, to his adult life. His role during the American Revolution is explored, as are the lifestyles of both generals and soldiers. The book is illustrated with oil paintings and includes maps and timelines to help students further understand the Revolution.

Give Me Liberty: The Story of the Declaration of Independence

Russell Freedman

Holiday House

October 2000

\$24.95

This story begins with a young colonist taking part in the Boston Tea Party and continues to address the ride of Paul Revere, the shots at Lexington and Concord, the work of Thomas Paine, and the writing of the Declaration of Independence. The text includes excerpts from newspapers and other documents. It includes not only the roles of the colonists in the Revolution but also those of African Americans and women. Historical etchings and paintings accompany the text.

If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution

Kay Moore, Daniel O'Leary (illustrator)

Scholastic, Inc.

May 1998

\$5.99

This book addresses what life was like both before and after the American Revolution. It describes people, their lifestyles, and homes, as well as the viewpoints many people had. The book discusses how the colonist's lives changed, their reasoning for supporting causes and also what they did to show this support.

If You Were There in 1776

Barbara Brenner

Simon & Schuster Children's

March 1994

\$17.95

This book presents background information on colonial history and then a more detailed look at life in the 1770s. She explores what the colonists ate, how they dressed, as well as what they did for work and for fun. Lives on farms, plantations, and frontiers are examined. Details of how life changed as result of the Revolution are also discussed. Prints and paintings decorate the book.

The Many Lives of Benjamin Franklin

Mary Pope Osbourne  
Dial Books for Young Readers  
October 1990  
\$7.00

This book presents the life of Benjamin Franklin through text about his inventions, quotations, and drawings.

Martha Washington: America's First Lady

Jean Brown Wagoner, Leslie Goldstein (illustrator)  
Econo-Clad Books  
October 1986  
\$12.70

This book is written for upper elementary students and includes fun facts and details of Martha Washington's life. The straightforward text and black-and-white sketches make for an interesting book for students studying history. The students reading this book will be able to travel back into history, relating Martha's life to their own.

My Brother Sam is Dead

by James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier  
Scholastic, Inc.  
January 1989  
\$4.50

This piece of historical fiction tells the story of Sam Meeker, a young man who will fight on the side of the Americans in the Revolutionary War. His family, who supports the Tories, must work in the tavern and on the farm without him. Sam visits his family often and, one day sees that their cows are being stolen. The story follows the actions and feelings of the family as well as Sam's as he attempts to stop the troops from stealing his cows and is captured.

Molly Pitcher: Young Patriot (Childhood of Famous Americans Series)

Augusta Stevenson, Gene Garriott (illustrator)  
Simon & Schuster Children's  
July 1983  
\$4.99

This book follows the heroine nicknamed "Molly Pitcher" from childhood to adulthood. Written in narrative form, the entertaining book is written in a way that is simple and fun.

Our Song, Our Toil

Michele Stepto  
The Millbrook Press  
March 1994  
\$7.50

This book tells the story of the victims of slavery through excerpts of autobiographies and historical documents. The slaves discuss the cruelty they faced as well as their

opportunities for freedom. Paintings, photographs, and sketches accompany the historical facts and emotional narratives.

Paul Revere

Jane Sutcliffe

Lerner Publishing Group

January 2002

\$6.95

This book contains fun pictures, informative timelines, as well as expository text about Paul Revere to create a significant learning experience for children studying the American Revolution. It also includes a list of web sites to access as well as a list of books for further reading.

Paul Revere: Boston Patriot (Childhood of Famous Americans Series)

Augusta Stevenson, Frank Nicholas (illustrator)

Simon & Schuster Children's

February 1984

\$4.99

This book investigates Paul Revere's childhood. His responsibilities in school and around the house reflect many of the same duties today's children have. His concerns, family life, and quest for adventure appear very real, so students can easily identify with him. This can be used as a fun supplement to a history lesson or unit on the American Revolution.

Paul Revere's Ride

Henry W. Longfellow, Ted Rand (illustrator)

Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers

February 1996

\$6.99

The book is a tremendous tribute to Paul Revere's midnight ride to warn Boston colonists that the British were coming. Longfellow's poem is lyrically pleasing and informative- a delight to younger and older readers alike. Beautiful watercolors detail all that Revere encountered and make the text all that much more meaningful. The book also includes a map of Paul Revere's and fellow patriots' routes.

Phillis Wheatley

Susan R. R. Gregson

Capstone Press

January 2002

\$16.95

This book tells the story of one of the first African American poets to be published: Phillis Wheatley. It chronicles her life through her childhood as a slave, her education, and her work through to her death at about 30. Some of her poetry is included in this text, along with important photos and documents significant to her life and work. Timelines, maps, and lists of resources are included.

Remember the Ladies: A Story about Abigail Adams

Jeri Ferris, Ellen Beier (illustrator)

Lerner Publishing Group

September 2000

\$19.14

This book discusses the accomplishments of Abigail Adams as a woman during the Revolutionary War. It flows well and is appropriate for children in fourth grade or

older. There are black and white illustrations to give more meaning to the text. Recommended web sites and a bibliography also accompany the book. The National First Ladies Library is noted, which focuses on the writings of these women through significant times in history.

The Revolutionary War: A Sourcebook

by Carter Smith  
Milbrook Pr.  
October 1991  
\$6.50

These volumes provide reproductions of documents from the Library of Congress on a number of topics and supply information in captions and brief paragraphs. Time lines are also included. Information for the American Revolution includes maps, drawings, and engravings. The material, covering the desire for freedom, fight for a new nation, and success, can be photocopied or reproduced for a bulletin board display. Among the highlights in this book are the first handwritten page of the Declaration of Independence, the document of British surrender at Yorktown, and pictures of significant figures.

The Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson

Ann McGovern, Harold Goodwin & Katherine Thompson (illustrators)  
Scholastic Paperbacks, Inc.  
April 1999  
\$4.50

This is the story of Deborah Sampson- a young woman who enlisted as a soldier in the Continental Army. It follows her through her childhood into her search of travel and independence. The book covers her attempts to keep her identity a secret, her bravery, and what life was like as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

They Called Her Molly Pitcher

Anne F. Rockwell, Cynthia von Buhler (illustrator)  
Random House Children's Books  
May 2002  
\$15.95

This book describes the life of Molly Pitcher in a patriotic book with detail as well as intriguing paintings. The illustrations are meant to appear old but a youthful outlook to the battles of the American Revolution. The intensity of the battlefields and environment are shown clearly through the images as the children learn about the heroine Molly Pitcher. Endpapers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution accompany the book.

Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?

Jean Fritz, Trina Schart Hyman (illustrator)  
The Putnam & Grosset Group  
March 1997  
\$5.99

This book tells the story of John Hancock in a way that is fun and informative. It chronicles his life from childhood and early hobbies to his friendships with Sam Adams and role as a Patriot. Readers will learn of his celebration when the Stamp Act was repealed, his being listed on a "Dangerous Americans" list, and his role as a delegate. His social status, signing of the Declaration of Independence, and position of governor are also addressed. Detailed cartoons accompany the story in bright colors.

The Winter at Valley Forge: Survival and Victory

James E. Knight, George Guzzi (illustrator)

Econo-Clad Books

March 1999

\$3.95

This book allows children to explore life during the time of the American Revolution. Details about colonial life, whether in a village or in a city, are given. Children learn of the struggles and victories of colonists and soldiers through text and illustrations.