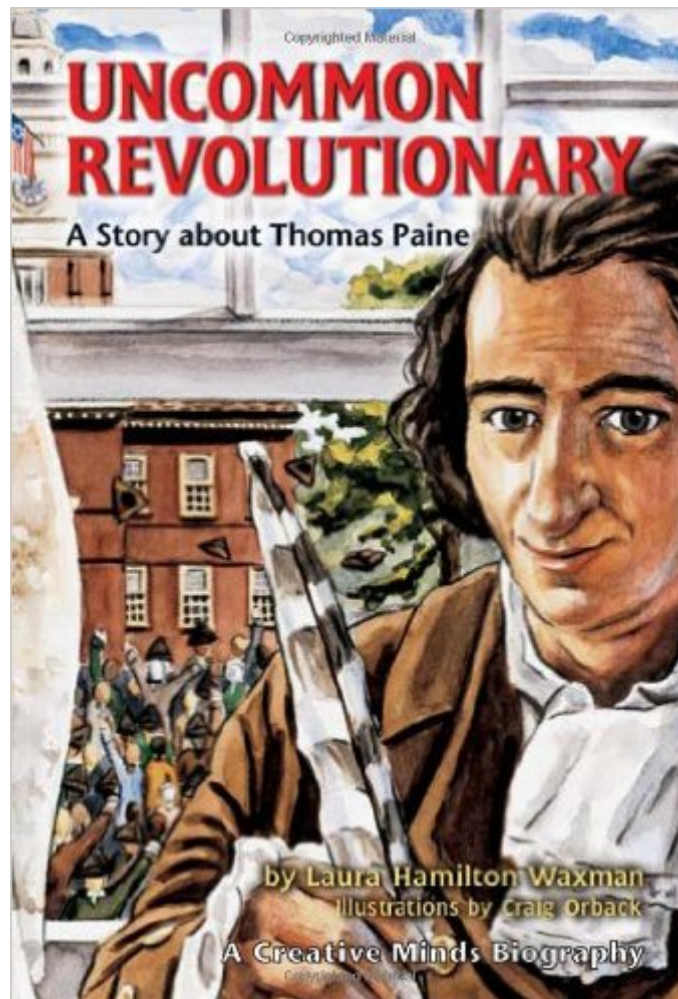


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Synopsis

Thomas Paine believed that American liberty was not only possible but worth dying for. He was dissatisfied with his quiet life until he traveled to the American colonies. There, the cause of American freedom from English rule lit a fire within him. To inspire colonists to support and fight the war, he wrote "Common Sense" and "The American Crisis." He was the first person to use the term the United States of America in print. He helped transform an entire nation with the power of his words.

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Customer Reviews

People have heard of Thomas Paine. They may know he wrote something called Common Sense, and that it inspired colonists in America to support a revolution, but this biography teaches young readers just how innovative and influential he was. It includes lots of interesting details about his life and ideas. He was the first person to use the term United States of America in print! The illustrations in this book add interest too. They are black and white watercolors that truly fit the feel of the history, and make the text more fun to read. They express the moods of the changing times, excitement, conviction, fear, and hope. I particularly enjoyed the street scenes! Recommended, and enjoyed!

This book gives an excellent overview of the life, ideas and impact of Thomas Paine, who was crucial to America's success during the revolution. From Common Sense to the Crisis ("These are the times that try men's souls") to the Rights of Man, culminated with this innovative thinker's ideas on religion, the Age of Reason. When Paine lived in what is now the Greenwich Village section of NYC there was soon a street named Reason, after his method of thinking. It was renamed Bleeker Street. It just proves that when reason is abandoned things get bleaker.

My teen enjoys reading about the people behind the historical events more so than the events themselves. He enjoyed this one while studying the French Revolution.

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