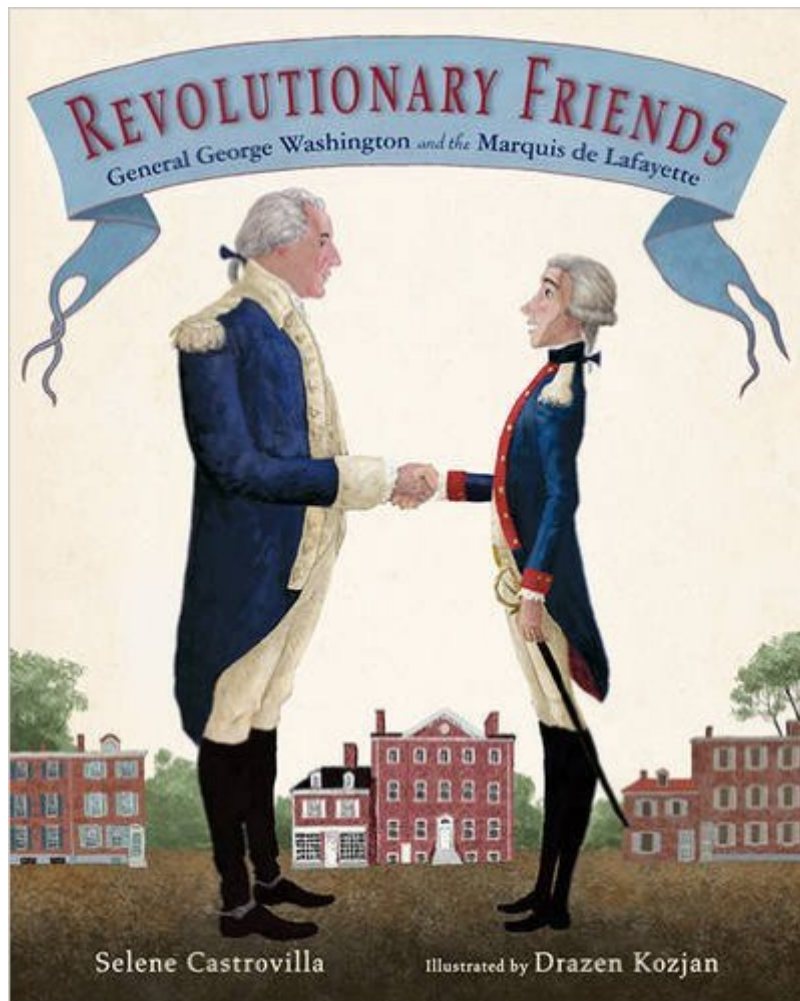


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# Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington And The Marquis De Lafayette



## Synopsis

In this riveting story about an important friendship, Selene Castrovilla introduces young readers to the tender side of George Washington when he meets the youthful 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 lively 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.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The story of the reserved George Washington's initially reluctant friendship with the young French officer whose heart "enlisted" in the American struggle for independence from Britain, is told in a spare, sprightly narrative interspersed with French words and phrases (C'est le moment! Magnifique!). The storyline focuses narrowly on the year 1777 beginning with the events leading up to the first meeting of the two and ending (somewhat abruptly) with Washington's visit to Lafayette at the house where he was recovering from a wound suffered at the Battle of Brandywine. But the

wider historical picture is there as well: Sidebar "scrolls" contain quotes from Lafayette's documents and the backmatter, a treasure trove for teachers, includes the continuation of their relationship until the death of Washington, timelines, places to visit, a bibliography, a glossary of French phrases used in the text, and reproductions of two portraits currently hanging in the chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives. The color-on-pen-and-ink illustrations, many of them sweeping two-page spreads, capture both the human warmth and the dramatic historical sweep of the story. This book is lively enough to be simply read aloud and sturdy enough to be used as the basis for a U.S. history unit.

It was a beautiful little book to get a child interested in our nation's rich history. My granddaughter loved it! It is simple enough for younger children but in a short book with great illustrations, there is a lot to get the little wheels turning.

This is a wonderful book. The Marquis de Lafayette has been my 7 year old's hero for 3 years now. After a trip to Brandywine & Valley Forge, I'm a fan now too. I knew very little about Lafayette until my son had such an interest in the American Revolution that I had to learn more. I'm glad we did because the Marquis has a great story.

First, a disclaimer--I assisted the author, in a very small way, by analyzing and critiquing some of the illustrations for this book. That being said, I can still give my honest opinion, that this is a beautifully done book. The illustrations are very attractive and the book itself contains a wealth of information for young readers. There are not enough lively, engaging works on history for this age group, so I am always thrilled to see another entry in the field.

I used to live in Washington D.C., and I'd pass Lafayette Square all the time. How did I never make the connection between the two? Thank you, Ms. Castrovilla, for writing a fun and engaging children's book that sheds light on two of the most important statesmen of the 18th century, both of whom had profound effects on how our nation was built.

Book was in excellent like new condition and my niece and nephew enjoyed reading it.

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