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Patriots, Redcoats And Spies (American Revolutionary War Adventures)



Synopsis

When Revolutionary War Patriot Lamberton Clark is shot by British soldiers while on a mission for the Continental Army, he has only two hopes of getting the secret message heâ€™s carrying to General George Washington: his 14-year-old twin boys John and Ambrose. Upon discovering that their father is a spy in the Culper Spy Ring, the boys accept their mission without a clue about what they may be up against. They set off from Connecticut to New Jersey to find General Washington, but the road to the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army is full of obstacles; including the man who shot their father who is hot on their trail.

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Customer Reviews

I requested this book for review because my 9 year-old son was studying the founding of America at the same time this book was made available. I told him I had requested the book, and that it was my hopes that he would read it and type a review. This book is written for youngsters, so I thought it would be best for a youngster to read and review. What you are about to read are HIS words, not mine (I only helped with very minor editing for flow), so please be graceful when you read my 9 year-old's thought processes and sentence structure.HIS REVIEW: There were two kids named Ambrose and John and their father gave them a letter to give to George Washington about the

secret plan the Redcoats were going to play on them. When they were gone they had to get horses. They arrived at a barn to get some horses to ride but they had to do a trick to get the horses. They did their trick and they got 2 horses. When they rode in the woods they got caught by some spies. Their father told them to trust no one and that's what they did. They rode off into the distance. When it was getting dark they went in to the woods and slept for the night. In the morning they saw someone took their horses. They went to the thief's camp and they got their horses and rode away. When they rode away they got to George Washington's house and got caught by his guards. The guards took them to Washington. When George Washington saw the kids he said to the guards to let them go and give them bread. So the kids gave him the letter. He read the letter, which said the Redcoats were going to attack. He got right to work on preparing for the fight against the redcoats. LIKES: I liked that it was very kid friendly and it was very entertaining to read. I learned that the Redcoats did not like George Washington. It was good that my class had already learned about George Washington, the Redcoats, and the Patriots. DISLIKES: I liked the pictures, but they weren't as nicely drawn as in some of the other books I've read. RATING: I would give this book a 4 out of 5 stars. DISCLAIMER: I received this book free of charge from BookLook Bloggers (Zondervan). None of the opinions were forced upon us, and we were not required to provide a positive review.

I was a history major in school, and what wonderful historical story tellers both of the Robert Skeads are. It's a thoroughly enjoyable read and an exciting adventure taking place during the Revolutionary War in the Hudson Valley. The characters are all well drawn. I especially liked the portrayal of George Washington. He usually is presented bigger than life -as he is here but we also see his very human side. I had ancestors in NY & NJ who fought during the Revolution in Bergen County- I just love novels like this one which bring that period in history to life. Hope there's a sequel- I'm sure those twins can cause more trouble for the "Lobsterbacks" and the Loyalists in a future story!

If you aren't happy with the way the schools teach about the American Revolution, the books by the Skeads starring their teenage heroes are something to look at. Best yet, the books don't talk down to kids, and are written in such a way that adults can read and enjoy them as well. I just wish that the British soldiers met in this story weren't quite so villainous...

I ordered Patriots, Redcoats, and Spies for work. I maintain a Revolutionary War website, so I am

always looking for new materials to share with my readers. Skead's book is a cute story targeted towards children, and there are a few places that he uses modern conversational language in order to make the book understandable at a younger reading level. Overall, it's a cute story that gives children a window into Colonial times, teaches them about some of the more notable people and aspects of the war (spy ring, Washington's personal guard, etc.)

Top Pick I really liked that this is a war and patriotism book for kids. It is so hard to explain patriotism to the young. The American Revolution is so important to America's history and why we have the freedoms we have today. I loved that the author wrote a fun book and included accurate information. I also loved the part with General Washington and the picture of him was great too. The discussion questions really add to the overall book and help the reader comprehend what they have read. The authors also include a list of historical characters, a glossary and General George Washington's letters. This book has everything a good instructional and educational title should have. This book gets 5 stars and a top pick. Disclosure: Free review copy from the publisher/author for an honest review. Review by: Deal Sharing Aunt

PATRIOTS, REDCOATS AND SPIES is a father and son writing team. This book, PATRIOTS, REDCOATS AND SPIES, is loosely based on a true story about their ancestor, Lambertson Clark. I loved this book. It was awesome. It had a lot of suspense and it kept me on the edge of my seat. I didn't want to put this book down. Lambertson Clark is a great dad and pretty courageous. The twin boys were silly and acted like normal brothers, even with little fights. I was worried they'd get caught and they would be in trouble. I had to keep reading to find out what happens. Recommended for anyone who likes historical adventure stories. For tweens, ages 8 to 12 years.

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