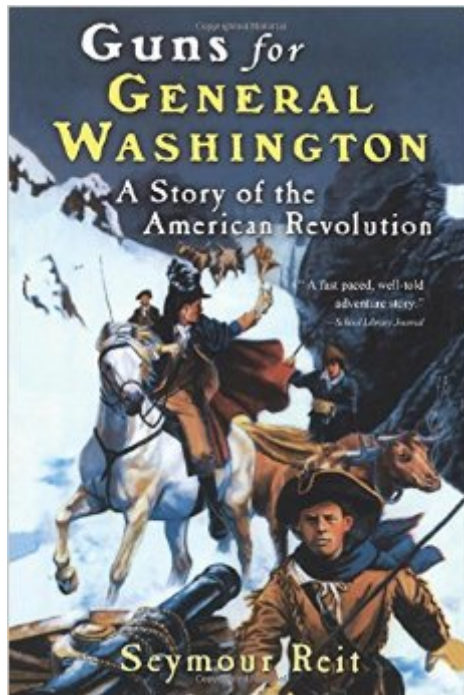


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# Guns For General Washington: A Story Of The American Revolution



## 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.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Guns For General Washington is a great book because of the action and adventure. Henry Knox, a patriot who goes to Fort Ticonderoga, a fort in New York that has at least 183 cannons, lead for bullets, flint for flintlock muskets. There were also mortars, a type of gun, howitzers, another type of gun, and cannons, another type of gun. They, Henry and his brother and some others who help out, have to go 300 miles to Fort Ticonderoga from Boston and 300 miles back to Boston from Fort Ticonderoga. This takes place in Massachusetts and New York in 1775 and 1776. The conflict is that General Washington is fighting a British general, General Howe, with no artillery like cannons and gunpowder. This book has very good action and adventure.

I read and review stories for young boys, because that's what I have. This was a hugely successful book. It's compelling to read aloud. Reit is a natural storyteller who paces the narrative very well.

with short chapters that appeal to little ones' attention span. His language is pitched just right--a few words had to be explained, but that stretches the young mind. And, it has the additional advantage of being a true story from our nation's origins. Books for youngsters hardly ever get better than this. Highly recommended.

In this historical fiction book the story is told of how the colonists were able to keep the war going in the face of the British blockade of Boston harbor. The year was 1775, the Revolutionary War was in its early stages, and the colonists were out of ammunition enough to not overthrow the British out of their city. With Boston Harbor blockaded, the colonists could not gain any ammunition, so colonist Henry Knox hears of Fort Ticonderoga stocked with ammunition and devises a plan with his brother Will to bring the guns back to General Washington in the middle of winter. I recommend this book to anyone interested in a historical war book.

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.

It has been difficult finding books about the actual battles of the Revolutionary War that interest my 8yo daughter, whose eyes glaze over at the talk of war, weapons, forts and the like. For example, *The Matchlock Gun*, which has been so dearly loved by boys for years was a total yawn for her. However, this story was an exception. I dare other parents to read it to their girls. Although this book is about weapons and war, the author ends each chapter with a teaser that had my daughter begging for just one more chapter each time that we read. There is also plenty of suspense, adventure, and character development to keep the interest of the child that isn't fascinated by weaponry the way that most boys are. It also helps to have handy some pictures of Revolutionary era mortars, cannons, Howitzers, etc. to give the child a visual of the convoy. I'm surprised that there aren't more reviews for this book, as I've heard several recommendations of it in homeschool

circles. Other good Revolutionary War books and DVDs for like-minded children are the Childhood of Famous Americans series, and the Liberty Kids DVDs.

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 children and I dearly loved this book. It was one of our favorite read-alouds during our homeschooling years. We even traveled to Fort Ticonderoga because of this book. My son's taste for history started with that experience. Naturally, I had to get a copy for his children.

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