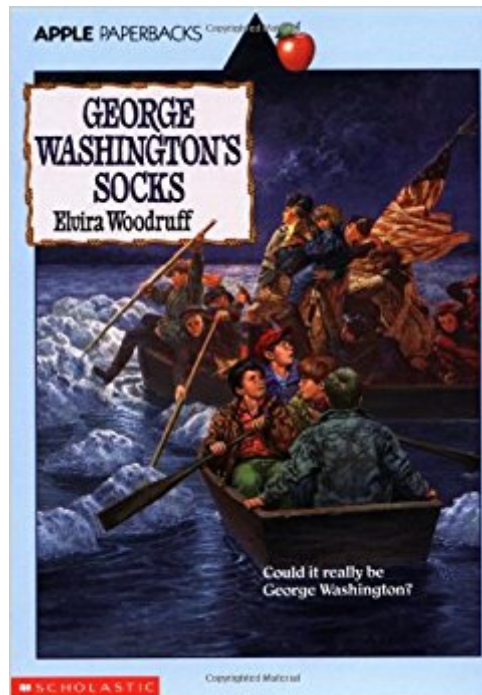




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George Washington's Socks (Time Travel Adventures)



Synopsis

Elvira Woodruff's million-copy seller, *GEORGE WASHINGTON'S SOCKS*, returns in time for the book's anticipated HC sequel -- *Ben Franklin's Boots!* A mysterious rowboat transports five adventurous kids back in time to the eve of the Battle at Trenton where they experience the American Revolution. Through encounters with Hessian soldiers, revolutionaries, and even George Washington himself, Matthew, Quentin, Hooter, Tony, and Katie watch history unfold before their eyes as they see first-hand, the grim realities of war and the cost of freedom.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

In PW's words, "An overnight camp-out turns into a harrowing trip to colonial America in this action-packed novel. . . . Young history buffs and adventure seekers alike will enjoy this journey to the past." Ages 9-12. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 4-6-- Time travel and historical fiction combine in this novel of the American Revolution. During a camp out, ten-year-old Matthew, his younger sister Katie, and three friends board an old rowboat and are transported to the Delaware River in 1776. The children are caught up in the

conflict between the patriots and the Hessians; an encounter with some Indians is thrown in for good measure. Matthew makes friends with a thoroughly believable young foot soldier who dies in the snow. Washington is portrayed as a kind but battle-weary leader who gives Katie his socks to keep her wet feet warm. This story is strongest in its portrayal of the realities of 18th-century warfare. The harrowing river crossing, the confusion, the terrible weather, and the constant deprivations faced by the soldiers are all clearly and vividly described. Unfortunately, the sequences set in modern times seem contrived and pale by comparison; they are never more than a vehicle to get to 1776. The children have an unsophisticated, "gee-whiz" quality about them that readers will find hard to digest. Dialogue is wooden. Time-shift historical novels, such as Janet Lunn's *The Root Cellar* (Scribners, 1983) can work effectively. In this case, however, the characters from modern America simply don't measure up to those out of history. The overly cute title and cover art to match are unfortunate as well. The book will be most useful where such stories can support curricular needs in American history. --Bruce Anne Shook, Mendenhall Middle School, Greensboro, NC
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This book was a favorite with my youngest child. Now I purchased it for my grandson who are going to love it too. It's a historical fiction book where boys from modern times go back to the time of the Revolutionary War and George Washington crossing the Potomac River. I recommend reading it aloud and making it a family adventure.

My 8 year old found the book interesting, and wrote a book report on it for school. The author views the Revolutionary War with somewhat of a twist - she expresses some sympathy for the individual participants in the war on both sides, without presenting a good guys verses bad guys point of view.

Great way to teach a child a little history and still keep them entertained with a bit of adventure. I think my grandson will enjoy this book. I also purchased the sequel to give him at the same time.

My 2nd grader just read this book for school. I think it was a little advanced for him. He needed me to explain a lot of it to him (I read it first). I especially had trouble explaining the issues around the soldiers and how no war is just clear-cut good guys vs bad guys. I gave it 5 stars because it was a great book for probably a 10 year old (the level intended by the author). Just kinda think my son needed to be a bit older to grasp it. But I'll save the negative review for the teacher ;) He really did

enjoy the story... time travel etc. I also think it did contribute to expanding his knowledge/education.

This was a required reading this summer for my son (5th grade) before he returned, he's on a 6th grade level but considered a 'reluctant' reader. Nothing has grabbed him yet. I loved the book when I read it. So to encourage him I read some to him and he read alone .. And WOWV to his surprise he loved the book

Like George Washington's Socks, this one is a big hit in reading groups in my wife's 5th grade classrooms.

great product, great value, great seller!!

My daughter needed this for school and I ended up reading it also. This is a very good book for the ages 8+ years. That is my recommendation because it has a few spooky parts that may give younger kids a scare. The story is well told and my daughter thought it was great and couldn't put it down.

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