

Annotated Bibliography - Colonial & Revolutionary War Era

Author	Title	Publisher & Pub Date & ISBN	Annotation
Adult Non-Fiction			
Calloway, Coltin G.	<i>The American Revolution in Indian Country: Crisis and Diversity in Native American Communities (Studies in North American Indian History)</i>	Cambridge University Press 1995 ISBN: 0521475694	This study presents the first broad coverage of Indian experiences in the American Revolution rather than Indian participation as allies or enemies of contending parties. Colin Calloway focuses on eight Indian communities as he explores how the Revolution often translated into war among Indians and their own struggles for independence. Drawing on British, American, Canadian and Spanish records, Calloway shows how Native Americans pursued different strategies, endured a variety of experiences, but were bequeathed a common legacy as a result of the Revolution. - From Amazon.com
Carr, Jacqueline	<i>After the Siege: A Social History of Boston, 1775-1800</i>	Northeastern University Press 2011 ISBN: 155553-629-8	After the Siege neatly fills a long-standing gap in Boston's record, and Carr's readers will be grateful not only for her diligence and resourcefulness in ferreing out information from underused sources but also for her clear, engaging style. - From The Journal of American History
Christopher, Emma	<i>A Merciless Place: The Fate of Britain's Convicts after the American Revolution</i>	Oxford University Press 2011 ISBN: 0199782555	Winner of the Ernest Scott Prize for the best book in Australian history - Since Robert Hughes' <i>The Fatal Shore</i> , the fate of British convicts has been a bright light in the popular imagination. Equally creditably, their larger story is even more dramatic—the saga of forgotten men and women scattered to the farthest corners of the British empire, driven by the winds of the American Revolution and the currents of the African slave trade. In <i>A Merciless Place</i> , Emma Christopher brilliantly captures this previously unknown story of poverty, punishment, and transportation. - From Oxford University Press
Countryman, Edward	<i>Enjoy the Same Liberty: Black Americans and the Revolutionary Era (The African American History Series)</i>	Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (to be published) 2012 ISBN: 1442200286	In this cohesive narrative, Edward Countryman explores the American Revolution in the context of the African American experience, asking a question that blacks have raised since the Revolution: What does the revolutionary promise of freedom and democracy mean for African Americans? Countryman, a Bancroft Prize-winning historian, draws on extensive research and primary sources to help him answer this question. He emphasizes the agency of blacks and explores the immense task facing slaves who wanted freedom, as well as looking at the revolutionary nature of abolitionist sentiment. Countryman focuses on how slaves remembered the Revolution and used its rhetoric to help further their cause of freedom. - From the publisher
Countryman, Edward	<i>The American Revolution: Revised Edition</i>	Hill and Wang 2003 ISBN: 0809025620	In this newly revised edition, Countryman stresses the painful destruction of British identity and the construction of a new American one. He expands his geographical scope of the Revolution to include areas west of the Alleghenies, Europe, and Africa, and he draws fresh links between the politics and culture of the independence period and the creation of a new and dynamic capitalist economy. This innovative interpretation of the American Revolution creates an even richer, more comprehensive portrait of a critical period in America's history. - From amazon.com
Garcia, Daniel	<i>Rubble</i>	New Press 2011 ISBN: 9781595836044	Rubble is a path-breaking new history of war and war resistance in the tumultuous world of colonial America, focusing on the little-understood military roles and cultures of Native Americans, Africans, and European settlers. An ambitious narrative designed to examine the early centuries of American military history from the bottom up," it resonates with the voices and actions of the marginalized and rebellious of the colonial times and includes the perspective of common people who worked, fought, bled, and died for and against the creation of the colonial world. - From the Publisher
Goodwin, Neil	<i>We Go As Captives: The Royalton Raid and the Shadow War on the Revolutionary Frontier</i>	Vermont Historical Society 2010 ISBN: 0934720576	Steele's narrative is one of the longest and most detailed of all Revolutionary captivity narratives, and one of the most extensive documents written about the prisoner of war experience in British Canada. By using the narratives, letters, and diaries of Steele and others who shared his experience in combination with British and American military and government archives, author Neil Goodwin has written a deeply researched, vivid story of attack, capture, imprisonment, and escape. Much more than a riveting adventure story, <i>We Go As Captives</i> provides fresh insight into the Royalton Raid, the American Revolution on the northern frontier, and the motives and machinations of the European, Indian, and American players in this epic drama. - From the publisher
Gould, Eliga H.	<i>Among the Powers of the Earth: The American Revolution and the Making of a New World Empire</i>	Harvard University Press to be published 2012 ISBN: 0674046080	The Revolution's aspiration was summed up by the phrase "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Yet the American founding was also a bid for inclusion in the community of nations. According to Eliga Gould, America aspired to diplomatic recognition under international law and the authority to become an Atlantic colonizing power itself. - From the publisher
Graffagnino, J. Kevin and Muller, H Nicholas III	<i>The Quotable Ethan Allen</i>	Vermont Historical Society 2005 ISBN: 0934720525	This Vermont Historical Society publication captures the authentic Ethan Allen. Quotes by friends, enemies, and Ethan Allen himself are featured in this book. 70 pp. - From the publisher
Holton, Woody	<i>Black Americans in the Revolutionary Era: A Brief History with Documents (Bedford Series in History and Culture)</i>	Bedford / St. Martin's 2009 ISBN: 0312413599	In this fresh look at liberty and freedom in the Revolutionary era from the perspective of black Americans, Woody Holton recounts the experiences of slaves who seized freedom by joining the British as well as those — slave and free — who served in Patriot military forces. Holton's introduction examines the conditions of black American life on the eve of colonial independence and the ways in which Revolutionary rhetoric about liberty provided African Americans with the language and inspiration for advancing their cause. Despite the rhetoric, however, most black Americans were not freed after the Revolution. The book includes a selection of documents that African Americans influenced the course of the Revolution and continued to be affected by its aftermath. Amplifying these themes are nearly forty documents — including personal narratives, petitions, letters, poems, advertisements, pension applications, and images — that testify to the diverse goals and actions of African Americans during the Revolutionary era. Document headnotes and annotations, a chronology, questions for consideration, a selected bibliography, and index offer additional pedagogical support. - From the publisher
Jarvis, Michael	<i>In the Eye of All Trade: Bermuda, Bermudians, and the Maritime Atlantic World, 1680-1783</i>	UNC Press 2010 ISBN: 0807833215	In an exploration of the oceanic connections of the Atlantic world, Michael J. Jarvis recovers a mariner's view of early America as seen through the eyes of Bermuda's seafarers. The first social history of eighteenth-century Bermuda, this book profiles how one especially intensive maritime community capitalized on its position "in the eye of all trade." - From the publisher
Jasnoff, Maya	<i>Liberty's Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World</i>	Alfred A. Knopf 2011 ISBN: 1400041686	"Spiritful and engaging...[Jasnoff] has turned her remarkable historical talents to the experiences of the tens of thousands of loyalists who felt compelled to leave the North American colonies that became the United States...One of the strengths of her deeply researched book is the extent to which she was able to recover the stories of some of these loyalist refugees." —Gordon S. Wood, <i>The New York Review of Books</i>
Kowalski, Gary	<i>Revolutionary Spirits: The Enlightened Faith of America's Founding Fathers</i>	Bluebridge 2008 ISBN: 1933346094	Bringing to life the complex creeds and personalities of America's Founding Fathers, this book confronts many of the myths about the religious views of some of the most notable figures in history. Offering clear and candid portraits of Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Paine, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison as both religious reformers and political rebels, this analysis tells the illuminating story of these unorthodox men of faith and thought and reclaims their spiritual inheritance for all Americans. Providing a careful examination of how the Founders' nature-based spirituality was tied to their fascination with science, this record includes discussions on Washington's aversion to using the word "God" in public pronouncements, Jefferson's mathematical calculations to show that the biblical great flood would have been impossible, and Paine's thoughts on the possibilities of alien life. - From the publisher
Nash, Gary	<i>The Unknown American Revolution: The Unruly Birth of Democracy and the Struggle to Create America</i>	Penguin 2006 ISBN: 014303720X	In this audacious recasting of the American Revolution, distinguished historian Gary Nash offers a profound new way of thinking about the struggle to create this country, imagining readers to be a coalition of patriots from all classes and races of the American nation. From roll-call votes for enslaved Africans, disgruntled women to aggrieved Indians, the people so vividly portrayed in this book did not all agree or succeed, but during the exhilarating and messy years of this country's birth, they laid down ideas that have become part of our inheritance and ideals toward which we still strive today. - From the publisher
Nobles, Gary and Young, Alfred	<i>Whose American Revolution Was It?: Historians Interpret the Founding</i>	NYU Press 2011 ISBN: 0814797105	The meaning of the American Revolution has always been a much-contested question, and asking it is particularly important today: the standard, easily digested narrative puts the Founding Fathers at the head of a unified movement, failing to acknowledge the deep divisions in Revolutionary-era society and the many different historical interpretations that have followed. <i>Whose American Revolution Was It?</i> speaks both to the ways diverse groups of Americans who lived through the Revolution might have answered that question and to the different ways historians through the decades have interpreted the Revolution for our own time. - From the publisher
Norton, Mary Beth	<i>Founding Mothers & Fathers: Gendered Power and the Forming of American Society</i>	Vintage 1997 ISBN: 0679749772	In this pioneering study of the ways in which the first settlers defined the power, prerogatives, and responsibilities of the sexes, one of our most incisive historians opens a window onto the world of Colonial America. Drawing on a wealth of contemporary documents, Mary Beth Norton tells the story of the Pionier clan, whose two-generation record of theft, adultery, and infanticide may have hampered their own dysfunctional family. She reopens the case of Mistress Ann Hibbens, whose church communicated her for arguing that God had told husbands to listen to their wives. And here is the enigma of Thomas, or Thomasine Hall, who lived comfortably as both a man and a woman in 17th century Virginia. Wonderfully erudite and vastly readable, <i>Founding Mothers & Fathers</i> reveals both the philosophical assumptions and intimate domestic arrangements of our colonial ancestors in all their rigor, strangeness, and unruly passion. - From goodreads.com
Norton, Mary Beth	<i>In the Devil's Snare: The Salem Witchcraft Crisis of 1692</i>	Vintage 2003 ISBN: 0317069099	In her splendid re-creation of the notorious events of 1692, Cornell historian Norton (her <i>Founding Mothers and Fathers</i> was a Pulitzer finalist) offers fresh and provocative insights into the much-studied Salem witchcraft trials. Using newly available materials from the trial records, letters and diaries, she argues that a complex of political, military and religious factors led to the outbreak of hysterical fits and other behavior that ended in the infamous trials. As Norton ably demonstrates, the settlers saw the trials as a means of restoring order and their resulting loss of prosperity as God's punishment for their sins. In April 1692, as these losses mounted, several teenage girls began having fits that they attributed to the devil, to witches and to Indians. The colonists thus found themselves, says Norton, being punished both by visible spirits (Indians) and invisible ones (the devil). In an unusual turn of events that Norton explores, the magistrates of the village took the testimony of these women who normally were not given any official or judicial authority at face value and began the trials. Moreover, as Norton shows, some judges used this opportunity of blaming witches to assuage their own guilt over their responsibility for political, economic and military mismanagement. Part of the originality of this study lies in Norton's refusal to read events through the lens of contemporary psychology, offering instead a lively account of the ways 17th-century men and women would have thought about them. Very simply, Norton's book is a first-rate narrative history of one of America's more sordid yet ever-fascinating tales. - From Publisher's Weekly
Norton, Mary Beth	<i>Liberty's Daughters: The Revolutionary Experience of American Women, 1760-1800: With a New Preface</i>	Cornell University Press 1996 ISBN: 0801483476 (First published 1980)	This book represents social history on a grand scale, imaginatively conceived and massively researched. Norton brilliantly portrays a dramatic transformation of women's private lives in the wake of the Revolution. - From goodreads.com
Purcell, Sarah	<i>Sealed with Blood: War, Sacrifice, and Memory in Revolutionary America</i>	University of Pennsylvania Press 2010 ISBN: 0812221095	Sarah J. Purcell's thoughtful and engaging book explores the political history of American Revolutionary War memories in the early republic. Purcell is particularly interested in examining "how Revolutionary War bloodshed legitimized the American nation by providing a specific focus for Americans' self-fashioning" (p. 7). Her desire to show how the new nation was "sealed with blood" leads her to focus on debates over the meaning of heroes and heroism from the American Revolution while tracing the transformations in "public memory" about revolutionary soldiers and warfare. In terms of military remembrance, she argues that, by the Jacksonian period, a more "democratic" public memory largely, if not totally, displaced a "republican" memory of the war. Not only were common soldiers hailed as heroes, but their voices found increasing representation in the public sphere. - From History Cooperative
Pybus, Cassandra	<i>Epic Journeys of Freedom: Runaway Slaves of the American Revolution and Their Global Quest for Liberty</i>	Beacon Press 2006 ISBN: 080705514X	During the American Revolution, thousands of slaves fled their masters to find freedom with the British. <i>Epic Journeys of Freedom</i> is the astounding story of these runaways and the lives they made on four continents. Having emancipated themselves, with the rhetoric about the inalienable rights of free men ringing in their ears, these men and women struggled tenaciously to make liberty a reality in their own lives. - From the publisher
Raphael, Ray	<i>A People's History of the American Revolution: How Common People Shaped the Fight for Independence</i>	Harper Perennial 2002 ISBN: 0060040401	A sweeping narrative of the wartime experience, <i>A People's History of the American Revolution</i> is the first book to view the revolution through the eyes of common folk. Their stories have long been overlooked in the mythic telling of America's founding, but are crucial to a comprehensive understanding of the fight for independence. Now, the experiences of farmers, laborers, rank and file soldiers, women, Native Americans, and African Americans -- found in diaries, letters, memoirs and other long-ignored primary sources -- create a gritty account of rebellion, filled with ideals and outrage, loss, sacrifice, and sometimes scurrilous acts...but always ringing with truth. - From the publisher
Randall, Willard Sterne	<i>Ethan Allen: His Life and Times</i>	W.W. Norton and Company 2011 ISBN: 0393076652	Chronicling Allen's upward struggle from precocious, if not unruly, adolescent to commander of the largest American parliamentary force on the eve of the Revolution, Randall unlocks a trove of new source material, particularly evident in his gripping portrait of Allen as a British prisoner-of-war. While the biography reacquaints readers with the familiar details of Allen's life—his capture during the aborted American invasion of Canada, his philosophical works that influenced Thomas Paine, his seminal role in gaining Vermont statehood, his stirring funeral in 1789—Randall documents that so much of what we know of Allen is mere myth, historical folklore that people have handed down, as if Allen were Paul Bunyan. - From the publisher
Wood, Gordon S.	<i>The Idea of America: Reflections on the Birth of the United States</i>	Penguin Press 2011 ISBN: 1594202907	In a series of elegant and illuminating essays, Wood explores the ideological origins of the revolution—from ancient Rome to the European Enlightenment—and the founders' attempts to forge an American democracy. As Wood reveals, while the founders hoped to create a virtuous republic of yeoman farmers and uninterested leaders, they instead gave birth to a sprawling, licentious, and materialistic popular democracy. - From the publisher
Wulf, Andrea	<i>Founding Gardeners: The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation</i>	Knopf 2011 ISBN: 0307269906	For the founding fathers, gardening, agriculture, and botany were elemental passions, as deeply ingrained in their characters as their belief in liberty for the nation they were creating. Andrea Wulf reveals for the first time this aspect of the revolutionary generation. She describes how, even as British ships gathered off Staten Island, George Washington wrote his estate manager about the garden at Mount Vernon, how a tour of English gardens renewed Thomas Jefferson's and John Adams's faith in their fledgling nation; how a trip to the great botanist John Bartram's garden helped the delegates of the Constitutional Congress break their deadlock; and why James Madison is the forgotten father of American environmentalism. These and other stories reveal a guiding but previously overlooked ideology of the American Revolution. - From the publisher
Adult Fiction			
Charyn, Jerome	<i>Johnny One-Eye: A Tale of the American Revolution</i>	W. W. Norton & Company 2009 ISBN: 0393333957	Johnny One-Eye is a cleverly written and well-crafted glimpse of some of the leading British and American characters of the American Revolution through the eyes—excuse me, eye—of young John Stocking. Stocking earns his nickname as a result of a bayonet wound while with Benedict Arnold's American forces in Quebec in 1775. - Historical Novel Society, Editor's Pick
Kamensky, Jane and Lepore, Jill	<i>Blindspot: By a Gentleman in Exile and a Lady in Disguise</i>	Thordike Press 2009 ISBN: 1410415791	Academics Kamensky and Lepore have produced a deliciously entertaining novel of pre-Revolutionary Boston. By turns bawdy, poignant, satirical, and patriotic, it is an energetic and enlightening story. Not only is painter Stewart Jameson in debt to an enemy, he's desperate to find his friend, the brilliant Dr. Alexander—a freed black transported to America and enslaved. - Historical Novel Society, Editor's Pick
Price, Charles F.	<i>Nor the Battle to the Strong: A Novel of the American Revolution in the South</i>	Frederick C. Beil 2008 ISBN: 192949033X	This novel of the American Revolution in the South is told from the contrasting viewpoints of Major General Nathaniel Greene and Private James Johnson, a Scottish immigrant and runaway indentured servant. Their lives are both leading toward the 1781 Battle of Eutaw Springs, one of the bloodiest actions of the war. - Historical Novel Society, Editor's Pick
Children's Non-Fiction - Elementary			
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Independent Dames: What You Never Knew About the Women and Girls of the American Revolution</i>	Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2008 ISBN: 0698958086	This informative picture book relays stories of women who helped fight the American Revolution as spies, nurses, soldiers, and more. Included along each page is a timeline of events. Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Bibliography, Web Resources. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Carson, Mary Kay and Elliot, Mark	<i>Did It All Start with a Snowball Fight? And Other Questions about the American Revolution</i>	Sterling Children's Books (to be published) 2012 ISBN: 1402787340	Could a snowball fight really have sparked the American Revolution? What made people get so steaming mad over the price of tea? And did it take a minuteman only a minute to join the fight? Step back into colonial America to find out about taxation without representation, why the British were called lobsters, the never-ending combat between tea and whether Yankee doodles were really dandy? This interesting take on the American Revolution will attract young readers...even if they don't have to write a book report! - From amazon.com
Kostyal, K.M.	<i>1776: A New Look at Revolutionary Williamsburg</i>	National Geographic Children's Books 2009 ISBN: 1426305176	This book offers a fresh perspective on the American Revolution through reconnected photographs from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Photographs provide insight about people left out of history books: the farmers, the blacksmiths, the women, and enslaved people. Chronology, Index, Selected Bibliography. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Schanzer, Rosalyn	<i>George vs. George: The American Revolution As Seen from Both Sides</i>	National Geographic Children's Books 2007 ISBN: 1426300425	The narrative introduces anew the two enemies, both named George: George Washington, the man who freed the American colonies from the British, and George III, the British king who lost them. Two readers on different sides of the Atlantic, yet with more in common than we sometimes acknowledge. We are led through their story, and the story of their times, and see both sides of the arguments that divided the colonies from the Kingdom. Was King George a "Royal Brute" as American patriots claimed? Or was he, as others believed, "the father of the people"? Was George Washington a scurrilous traitor, as all the king's supporters claimed? Or should we remember and celebrate him as "the father of his country"? Who was right? History teaches us that there are two sides to every story. - From the publisher
Shea, Pegi Deitz	<i>Patience Wright: American Sculptor and Revolutionary Spy</i>	Henry Holt and Company 2007 ISBN: 0805067701	Raised as a Quaker in the 1700s, Patience Lovell Wright became an independent thinker, artist, international entrepreneur, patriot, and spy. The book traces her development as a wax sculptor, and her contributions to America's independence. Author's Note, Timeline, Bibliography. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Children's Non-Fiction - Middle School & Young Adult			
Blair, Margaret Whitman	<i>Liberty or Death: The Surprising Story of Runaway Slaves Who Staked with the British During the American Revolution</i>	National Geographic Children's Books 2010 ISBN: 1426305907	This gripping Revolution-era account of slaves fighting on the side of the British contains exacting scholarship and resources. The uniqueness of the topic along with an edgy graphic layout easily grips the reader's interest. Index, Sources, Epilogue, Timeline, Map on end sheets, Resource Guide with Bibliography. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Brezina, Corona	<i>Johnny Tremain and the American Revolution (Looking at Literature Through Primary Sources)</i>	Rosen Pub Group 2004	Grade 5-8--Brezina uses primary sources to show the conditions of society at the time Johnny Tremain took place. The author explores the American colonies in the late 1700s and what life would be like for a boy Johnny's age, providing context for his motivations and actions. Color photos of period art and documents are included. Good additional reading, though the appeal of this novel may have lost some of its luster in recent years as a major source for literature instruction. - From School Library Journal
Dacquino, V.T.	<i>Sybil Ludington: Discovering the Life of a Revolutionary War Hero</i>	Purple Mountain Press 2008 ISBN: 1930098871	On April 26, 1777, an icy, wind-driven rain ripped across New York State's farmlands shaking the boards of the Ludington family mill as a messenger arrived with news nearby Danbury, Connecticut, was under British attack and burning. Within minutes, sixteen-year-old Sybil Ludington, daughter of an American colonel, mounted her horse, ready for a forty-mile ride through treacherous terrain to alert her father's troops. For more than two hundred years little was known of Sybil Ludington's life beyond that night. This version of her biography for young readers tells how her story as freedom fighter, hero, daughter, wife, mother, businesswoman, and grandmother was discovered. - From the publisher
Dunn, Walter S. Jr.	<i>People of the American Frontier: The Coming of the American Revolution</i>	Praeger 2005 ISBN: 0275981819	A cross-section of life on the colonial frontier, this collection focuses on the interdependence of the main groups (including traders, farmers, merchants, Indians, women, and slaves) in the pre-Revolutionary War decades. - From the publisher
Lefkowitz, Arthur	<i>Bushnell's Submarine</i>	Scholastic Nonfiction 2006 ISBN: 0439743524	A fascinating story incorporating primary documents that describes the first attempt of a submarine mission during the American Revolution. Postscript, Index. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Murphy, Jim	<i>The Real Benedict Arnold</i>	Clarion Books 2007 ISBN: 0395776090	This thoughtful profile of the man whose name is synonymous with "traitor" forces readers to question Arnold's reputation and consider the simplistic manner in which history is often portrayed. Bolstered by Arnold's letters, writings, and documents of the time. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Ritchie, Donald A.	<i>Our Constitution</i>	Oxford University Press 2006 ISBN: 0195223853	A rich volume of information explaining the Constitution. Illustrated with timelines, photos, and sidebars, each Article and Amendment is explained in easy-to-understand language. Appendix 1: Delegates to the Constitutional Convention; Appendix 2: Supreme Court Decisions that Shaped the Constitution; Index; Museums and Historic Sites Related to the Constitution; Websites; Further Reading; Constitutional Glossary. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Children's Fiction - Elementary			
Gauche, Patricia Lee	<i>This Time, Tempe Wick?</i>	Boyd Mills Press 2003 ISBN: 1590781856	Depicts the indomitable spirit of a young girl, Tempe Wick, as she saves her beloved horse from the mutinous soldiers of Jockey Hollow during the American Revolution. - From the publisher
Gauche, Patricia Lee and Tomes, Margot	<i>Aaron and the Green Mountain Boys</i>	Boyd's Mills Press 2005 ISBN: 1590783549	Nine-year-old Aaron Robinson wants to fight with the Green Mountain Boys. Instead he's at home chopping wood to keep the fires going to bake bread to feed the soldiers. Ages 7-10 - From Vermont Historical Society
Griffin, Kitty	<i>The Ride: the legend of Betsy Dowdy</i>	Anthemum Books for Young Readers 2010 ISBN: 1416928162	One brave girl, one strong pony, and one desperate ride to deliver a crucial message that would change the course of American history. Repeated for over two hundred years as an oral tradition, the legend of Betsy Dowdy is a classic American tale of a girl who simply believed she could be free. Inspired by the danger and courage of this ordinary girl from North Carolina, <i>The Ride</i> is a story about stepping up to help the cause you believe in, doing even what little you can, and building the United States of America. - From the publisher
Mack, Stan	<i>Road to Revolution! (Cartoon Chronicles of America)</i>	Bloomsbury USA Children's Books 2009 ISBN: 1599063717	This graphic novel tells the story of the American Revolution through the eyes of two fictional feisty teens who encounter danger and real heroes at the time of our country's founding. Prologue, Map of Boston, Epilogue. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Tripp, Valerie	<i>Felicity Boxed Set with Game (American Girl)</i>	American Girl Publishing Company 2010 ISBN: 159697848	This keepsake boxed set features all six of Felicity's beautifully illustrated books, filled with her inspiring stories about growing up in 1774. Open up the box to discover a fun-filled Felicity's Favorite Things board game! You'll have fun earning points as you move around the board collecting cards that feature Felicity's favorite things. Includes Meet Felicity Felicity Learns a Lesson Felicity's Surprise Happy Birthday, Felicity Saves the Day and Changes for Felicity. Author: Valerie Tripp Format: 6v, paperback, 528 pages, boxed, with game. - From amazon.com
Children's Fiction - Middle School & Young Adult			
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Chains</i>	Anthemum Books for Young Readers 2010 ISBN: 1416905863	Thirteen-year-old Isabel and her sister Ruth were promised freedom from slavery but instead are sold to a malicious New York City couple. As the Revolutionary War rages, Isabel becomes a Patriot spy in an attempt to exchange her knowledge for freedom. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Cornwall, Bernard	<i>The Fort: a novel of the Revolutionary War</i>	Harper 2010 ISBN: 006196963X	Captivate, kill or destroy the whole force of the enemy' was the order given to the American soldiers. <i>THE FORT</i> is the blistering new novel from worldwide bestseller Bernard Cornwell. Summer 1779. Seven hundred and fifty British soldiers and three small ships, the <i>Rox</i> and <i>Navy</i> . The orders: to build a fort above a harbor to create a base from which to control the New England seaboard. Forty-one American ships and over nine hundred men. Their orders: to expel the British. The battle that followed was a classic example of how the best-laid plans can be disrupted by personality and politics, and of how warfare can bring out both the best and worst in men. It is a timeless tale of men at war, written by a master storyteller. - From amazon.com
Erwin, Will	<i>Angus: The Unexpected Patriot</i>	Create Space 2010 ISBN: 1451585284	This is a family-friendly novel from Unlimited Publishing LLC, rich in historical detail and engaging characters, like books by James Michener. Shortly before the Revolutionary War, a young Scotsman named Angus McDowell makes a solemn promise to his father that he will burden him and bolster him when he comes to the American colonies. Losing his father before departing his homeland, he arrives in America as an indentured servant - but one with brains, stubbornness, and eccentricities that set him apart. His gifts with dogs and horses, and other quirks, both hurt him and help him, as he grows into a leader ready to fight in the Revolution. But he meets his match in Angie, feisty daughter of the owner of a family plantation where he works. - From the publisher
Klass, Sheila Solomon	<i>Soldier's Secret: The Story of Deborah Sampson</i>	Henry Holt & Co. 2009 ISBN: 080580200X	This historical novel (narrated in the 1st person) recounts the story of a female soldier during the Revolutionary War who dressed as a man in order to serve. Author's Note, Chronology (. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Maxwell, Ruth H	<i>Eighteen Roses Red: A Young Girl's Heroic Mission in the Revolutionary War (American Revolution Adventures)</i>	White Mane Kids 2006 ISBN: 1572493801	Eighteen roses red, a wounded Rebel soldier whispers, and with those words thirteen-year-old Anne Elizabeth Brewster is drawn into a daring adventure. In a colony of New Jersey in 1777, the American Revolution is tearing apart Anne's family. And now a Rebel soldier lies near death in her home with an important message for General Washington one that might well save many lives. Can she keep the coded message concealed and deliver it to General Washington in time? - From the publisher
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Woods Runner</i>	Wendy Lamb Books Reprint Edition 2011 ISBN: 037585908X	Brief, interspersed historical notes illuminate a riveting wilderness adventure, as 13-year-old Samuel tracks his parents, who were kidnapped from their Pennsylvania homestead by British forces during the American Revolution. - National Council on the Social Studies, Notable Tradebook
Peterson, A. S.	<i>The Fiddler's Gun (Fin's Revolution: Book 1)</i>	Rabbit Room Press 2009 ISBN: 0615325424	America is on the brink of war with England, and Fin Button is about to come undone. She's had the luck of the friendship and she's ready to marry Peter and get away from rules, chores, and a life looked after by the ever-watchful Sister Hilde. But an unexplained orphanage forms between Fin and the fiddle-playing cook, Bartimaucus, which sets her on a course for revolution. With Bart's beloved fiddle and haunting blunderbuss as her only possessions, Fin discovers her first taste of freedom as a sailor aboard the <i>Rattlesnake</i> . She's hiding some dark secrets, but there are bigger problems for the crew: they are on the run from the Royal Navy, and whispers of mutiny are turning the captain into a tyrant. When Fin finally returns home, will she find Peter still waiting, or will she find that she's lost forever? - From the publisher
Reit, Seymour	<i>Guns for General Washington: A Story of the American Revolution</i>	Sandpiper 2001 ISBN: 0152164359	This historical fiction relates the adventure that Will Knox experiences when he and his brother, Henry, bring 183 cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston so the American army can begin to win the war. Ages 10-14 - From Vermont Historical Society
Smolens, John	<i>The Schoolmaster's Daughter: A Novel of the American Revolution</i>	Pegasus 2012 ISBN: 1605982150	Set in Boston during the first year of the American Revolution, and occupation, based on the courageous actions of Abigail Lovell and her brothers James and Benjamin during the 1775 year of the American Revolution. - John Smolens
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