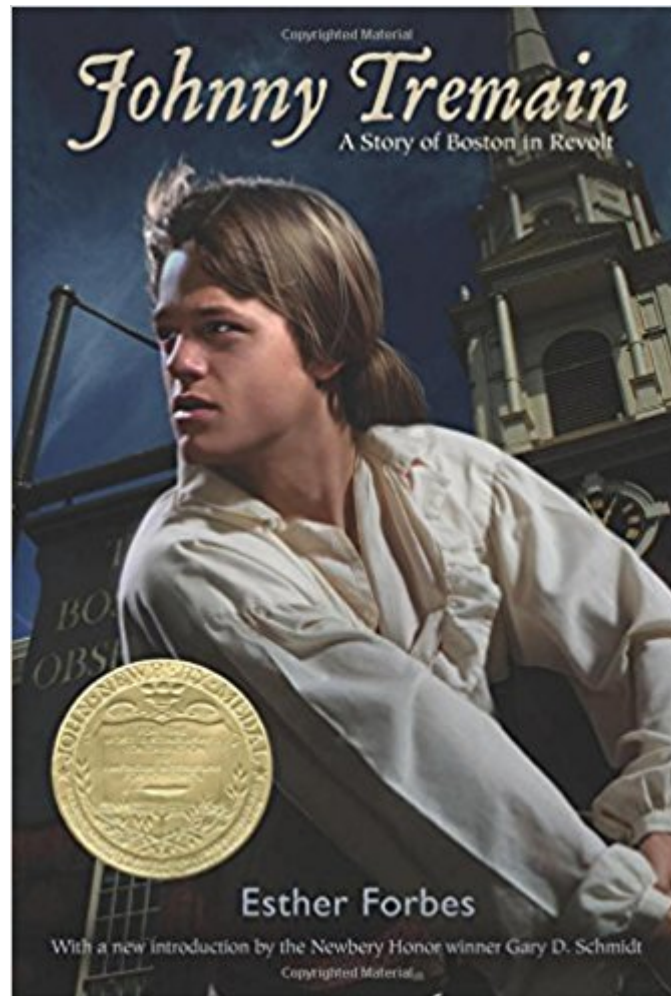




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# Johnny Tremain



## Synopsis

Johnny Tremain, winner of the 1944 Newbery Medal, is one of the finest historical novels ever written for children. As compelling today as it was seventy years ago, to read this riveting novel is to live through the defining events leading up to the American Revolutionary War. Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain, an apprentice silversmith with a bright future ahead of him, injures his hand in a tragic accident, forcing him to look for other work. In his new job as a horse-boy, riding for the patriotic newspaper, The Boston Observer, and as a messenger for the Sons of Liberty, he encounters John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Dr. Joseph Warren. Soon Johnny is involved in the pivotal events shaping the American Revolution from the Boston Tea Party to the first shots fired at Lexington. Powerful illustrations by American artist Michael McCurdy bring to life Esther Forbes's quintessential novel of the American Revolution.

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## Customer Reviews

This story of a tragically injured young silversmith who ends up hip-deep in the American Revolution is inspiring, exciting, and sad. Winner of the prestigious Newbery Award in 1944, Esther Forbes's story has lasted these 50-plus years by including adventure, loss, courage, and history in a wonderfully written, very dramatic package. It's probably not great for little guys but mature 11-year-olds or older will find it a great adventure. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable

edition of this title.

"This is Esther Forbes at her brilliant best. She has drawn the character of Johnny with such sympathy and insight that he may take his place with Jim Hawkins, Huck Finn and other young immortals." Book Week

I love how the story ties in with real history. Getting to see and be introduced to such people as Paul Revere, Sam And John Adams, John Hancock, and more. Reading this helps a child to get an idea of the emotion and tension that was felt by the people at that time. Experience the time period where such things happen such as the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, and Paul Revere's ride, along with the the infamous day in April, when the war began.

It is about how Americans felt and what the founding faths could possibly say to get men to go out to die andpossibly leave their children and wife without a bredwinner. What it was was is that basically we are together in this from the beginning to the end - so if one should die he would have someone else to watch over and care for his family. I lived on Minuteman Hill read this book in 6th grade it made me think a lot. Bought again to read it and have to think about it as an adult. Maybe I could get my adult children to read it. Think So? Get it for you or your child.

The overlay of a fictional characters onto an American historical event was woven seamlessly. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if these characters didn't actually exist, only the names were changed! Every child should read this book before taking any American history class in middle or high school.

good book

We are currently studying the Revolutionary War in school and this book has been a fabulous addition to our curriculum. My brother mentioned the Disney movie of the same name, which in have yet to see, and said it was a good movie and that my boys would like it. I'm a believer in reading the book first and so we are about 20 pages from the ending of this book. I have read many books aloud to my boys but I think this has been their favorite. It is well written, extremely informative, exciting and inspiring. We live in Massachusetts so the places mentioned in Johnny Tremain are local to us and reading about them and then visiting makes history come alive for my children. They beg me to read "one more chapter, pleeeeeease". Love it!! thoroughly recommend this

book to homeschooling families. It's a classic.

7th Graders loved it read aloud and discussed with them. It brought the "Sons of Liberty" and day-to-day 1770s to life. Many students began researching historical events on their own to add to the class discussions. 1770s, Johnny Tremain has been apprenticed to a silversmith in Boston. He meets John Hancock, Paul Revere, Dr. Warren, Colonel Smith, and many other Whigs and Tories. He is close-by during meetings, the Boston Tea Party, Boston Massacre, Christ Church lit by two lanterns, Shot Heard Round the World, and so on. The story is well-written and factual, 7th graders would not be interested otherwise.

I enjoyed the book once the story got beyond Johnny's immaturity. Historically, it was mostly accurate. I did feel that John Adams wasn't adequately portrayed, but then the book wasn't about him. The relationship between Rab and Johnny was interesting was treated in depth. The girls, Cilla and her little sister lacked an adequate portrayal. It was good as far as it went but I would have liked to see more development of them. The shallowness of the Lyte family was apparent as was Mr. Lyte's greed. Overall, it's a good book. It was a summer reading assignment in my daughter-in-law's 8th-grade English class, and I read it and helped her develop a lengthy test for those who read it. It's certainly well-chosen for that educational level.

This historical novel captivated me as a young teenager who was fascinated by the Revolution and our early American history. I just reread it for the first time in more than 40 years, and it has lost none of its charm. This book is NOT for the impatient. Character development is key here--perhaps all readers can cite the historical events around which this story is crafted--don't expect new revelations or quick action here. Instead, the richness of this book is the glimpse of truly believable people amidst the growing turmoil that envelops them during this distant but so significant time. It is particularly poignant to remember that we all know how things turned out, whereas Johnny stands at the very first, tenuous beginning. I can't help but see the hope portrayed here as perhaps the book's most valuable aspect.

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