



## REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH

## Reading List

### *Organized alphabetically by book title*

This collection highlights the experiences of young people in the Revolutionary Era through stories of bravery, friendship, and civic responsibility. Organized for elementary, middle, and high school readers, it features accounts of historic figures like Deborah Sampson and Ona Judge alongside books that introduce the ideas of democracy, freedom, and citizenship. Together, these titles invite young readers to connect with history, recognize the impact of youth in shaping the Revolution, and build an understanding of civics and government today.

For additional booklists and resources on these topics and more, visit **THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION Engagement Resource Center** at [pbs.org/americanrevolution/resources](https://pbs.org/americanrevolution/resources). To explore the series itself, a film by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schimdt, visit [PBS.org/americanrevolution](https://PBS.org/americanrevolution).

## Elementary

- *The 4th of July Story* by Alice Dalgliesh
- *American Girls Collection: Felicity (6-book series)* by Valerie Tripp
- *Cloaked in Courage: Uncovering Deborah Sampson, Patriot Soldier* by Beth Anderson
- *D Is for Democracy: A Citizen's Alphabet* by Elissa Grodin
- *The Declaration of Independence* by Sally Senzell Isaacs
- *Everyone Counts: A Citizens' Number Book* by Elissa D. Grodin
- *Forgotten Founders* by Mifflin Lowe
- *George Washington and the General's Dog* by Frank Murphy
- *How the U.S. Government Works* by Syl Sobel
- *Shh! We're Writing the Constitution* by Jean Fritz
- *The Voice of the People: American Democracy in Action* by Betsy Maestro
- *The World Turned Upside Down* by Tim Grove
- *We the People: The Constitution of the United States* by Peter Spier



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### Middle School

- *Answering the Cry for Freedom: Stories of African Americans and the American Revolution* by Gretchen Woelfle
- *Chains* (Seeds of America trilogy) by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Fighting Ground* by Avi
- *Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies* by Cokie Roberts (adapted by Natalie Pope Boyce)
- *Give Me Liberty* by L. M. Elliott
- *Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette* by Selene Castrovilla
- *For Which We Stand: How Our Government Works and Why It Matters* by Jeff Foster
- *Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away* (Young Readers Edition) by Erica Armstrong Dunbar and Kathleen Van Cleve
- *We the People: The United States Constitution Explored and Explained* by Aura Lewis & Evan Sargent
- *Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen

### High School

- *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing (Vol. I & II)* by M. T. Anderson
- *Become America: Civic Sermons on Love, Responsibility, and Democracy* by Eric Liu
- *Black Heroes of the American Revolution* by Burke Davis
- *Forge* (Seeds of America trilogy, Book 2) by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Hamilton and Peggy!: A Revolutionary Friendship* by L. M. Elliott
- *Sophia's War* by Avi
- *The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation* by Jonathan Hennessey, art by Aaron McConnell
- *Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen
- *Votes of Confidence: A Young Person's Guide to American Elections* by Jeff Fleischer