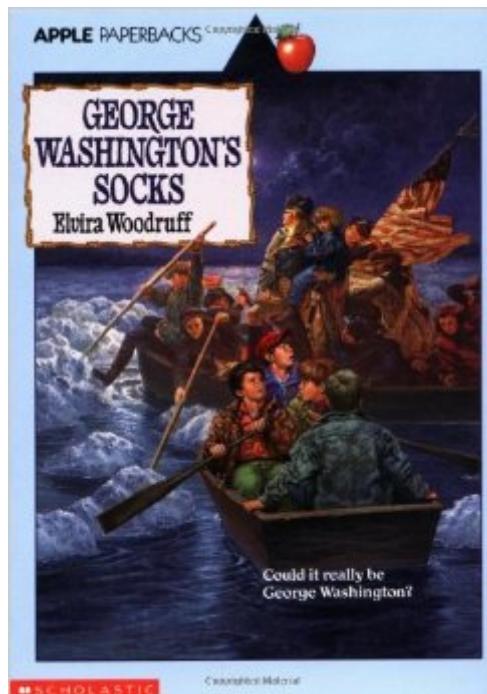


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# George Washington's Socks (Time Travel Adventures)



## **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**

I just finished reading this book to my fourth grade class. The students were so interested in it that they never wanted read aloud time to end! They learned a lot from this historical fiction piece, as well. Some of the people, places, and ideas have been seen in our social studies curriculum, and they REMEMBER them! This includes things like who the Hessians were, where Trenton is located, and Washington crossing the Delaware. Woodruff's writing has made this time in history so much more real for my students. They have a new understanding of what war is like and a new appreciation for history, unlike any they could have from reading a textbook.

A great family read aloud! I read this book aloud to my three children each night after supper. They got so involved in the story, one night they forgot to watch their favorite TV show. This book makes an excellent read-aloud and is the kind of literature I want my children to be reading. It's exciting, full of humor and imagination. A great way to learn about history. But what I loved most about the book was that it was so full of heart and though the kids laughed a lot in the funny parts they also grew very, very quiet during the sad parts. The story opened up a lot of discussion about war and what happens when men choose to fight for their beliefs. My children and I are looking forward to sharing other books by this author.

Should be on every 4-6 teacher's bookshelf. A time-travel adventure gimmick will get the kids to read it, and they'll relatively painlessly learn about some of the horrors of war, including cowardice, that all too many texts gloss over. And yet it's not "politically correct" - Washington is made slightly more human but still heroic, for example. Any kid who does read it will probably ace the test on the American Revolution.... As for the review "Caution Parents" - if you feel that you must keep your children in a bubble, then I'm sure you can talk to them about how foolish you believe the characters to be. Use the book to teach not only the Am. Rev., but also the need to make careful choices.

This was a Christmas present for my 7-year-old who loves reading about history. He loves the Magic Tree House and I Survived series. I chose this one because he enjoys reading about the Revolutionary War. He decided that instead of reading it by himself (He's a really good reader for a second grader!), he wanted me to read a chapter or two aloud each night. That was fine with me because I love reading to him and his 5-year-old brother. The story started off really well--some boys starting an adventure club. Both boys enjoyed it. There is obviously a time-travel component, and the chapters dealing with how the kids traveled back in time via an old rowboat kind of frightened both boys. Once we got past that part, they really got into the story. The boys (and one's little sister) end up with George Washington crossing the Delaware River. Through several events, the kids get separated, meet interesting people, wonder how they'll get back home, etc. We have only read about 3/4 of the book, and we are all enjoying the adventure. However, I will caution you that there are some words in this book that I don't feel are appropriate for a children's book. In fact, I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw them as I was reading ahead. Honestly, that kind of ruined the book for me. Luckily, since I'm reading it aloud, I can skip over or change certain words instead of saying them. Also, this is a book about war, and some of the descriptions of injuries, wounds, and

illnesses are a bit more graphic than I would have liked. It's a really interesting story that keeps your attention, but I don't think I would want my children reading it independently, even if they were a little older. Also, as a former elementary school teacher, I wouldn't recommend it as a read-aloud selection unless you want to read it ahead of time and edit out inappropriate material. As much as the boys and I like the story itself, I must be honest: I probably would not have purchased the book if I had known it contained profanity--even a little. Maybe I'm naive, but I didn't expect books written for children (even somewhat older children) to contain "bad" words. They grow up so fast as it is. We'll finish the book because we do like the story and want to see how it turns out. I just wish I had gotten a "heads up" before we got interested in it.

George Washington's Socks is a mixture of everything good that a children's book should have - some humor, some suspense, some drama and true friendships. As you read it, you learn a great historical lesson about the Revolutionary War and all of its hardships and tragedy. But it is also a story of 5 kids sticking together, helping each other and others and learning the value of friendship. Since it has time travel in it, it should be of interest to a lot of readers. I would recommend it to any child and his/her parent who is 9-12 yr old. I am wondering if there are any other time travel adventures by this same author and involving this same group of 5 kids. I would be interested in reading any others!

I love to read and have read a variety of different books. George Washington's Socks was my favorite book in 5th grade when I first read it and it still is today. I loved the nonfictional plot that held historical relation. It was cool how the characters in the book were ordinary kids who went on a normal camping trip that turned into a colonial times adventure. They met George Washington--that's awesome..and they even got a souvenir--see if you can figure that one out--well all in all, it was a GREAT book, a must read for kids everywhere. Even if you are old--no offense--read it b/c you've missed out if you haven't!

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