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Christy says

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Tyler says

[They intrude in Washington's mission and are mostly unwelcome, until one of the captains gives Jack a letter with the words of Thomas Payne to send his family in the event that the mission fails. As Washington's mission continues, Jack and Annie's mission pretty much ends there. That is until Annie takes up the opportunity to par

Andrea says

If you have kids, I can't recommend this series highly enough! Two children, Jack and Annie, find a magical tree house while strolling in the woods. The tree house takes them back in time, and they get to be eyewitnesses to history. They have to solve puzzles, or find items, or help people while they're there, and that's what keeps the kids interested enough to listen to the historical stuff. It's right on their level, and I'm leaning towards using it, but MTH is a series that's best read in order and this book is #22 in the series. If taken by itself, you can still understand and enjoy it, but it's much better if you have all of the background. Something to think about...

Rick Silva says

This was a fun read for the Kiddo, as it connected to our recent trip to Philadelphia, where we got to see some of the Revolutionary War era sites.

The story has Jack and Annie seeking "something to send", the second part of a four-part quest for bits of historical writing. They arrive among the soldiers of the Continental Army on the eve of the Battle of Trenton, in the Revolutionary War. With the American forces facing low morale and terrible weather, Jack and Annie watch as General George Washington and the words of Thomas Paine inspire the Patriots to keep up the fight for independence.

And before it's all over, the kids are nearly arrested as spies.

This installment in the series had a lot going for it. It was fun to see Annie at a loss for words for once, and Jack having to be the one to do the fast-talking. The use of Thomas Paine's writing in the story was excellent,

and my son really grasped the importance of the words and the moment in history.

Mary Pope Osborne also does a nice job of writing her way out of a potential corner with the piece of writing that the kids were tasked with retrieving.

Sydney Gann says

Join Jack and Annie on an adventure back to the Revolutionary War-a journey they must take to receive "something to be sent" and rescue Morgan and the kingdom of Camelot. On this wild adventure, the siblings meet the great George Washington and get caught by the Patriots. Will Jack and Annie make it out alive?

I liked this one, as it had some true facts from the Revolutionary War.

I would have this book on my shelves, as my fantasy/historical fiction readers would be happy!

Norberto Leyva says

“Magic Tree House the Revolutionary War on Wednesday”

Jack and Annie go back to the Colonial times (1775-1782) because their mission was to get a note to save Camelot, King Arthur’s castle. They read about British people wearing “red coats” and the Patriots wearing blue. The Patriots were fighting for their freedom from the “red coats.” Jack and Annie got caught by the Patriots and they were questioned. General George Washington comes; Jack and Annie were separated in the marching crowd. It was Christmas and the kids were surprised they were attacking, but the Patriot’s plan was to surprise the red coats on Christmas and catch them off guard. A Patriot hands Jack a note to give to his child if he doesn’t survive. Their mission is completed, but Annie and Jack were separated. He finds Annie in the boat with Washington and they head back to the tree house.

I would recommend this book to both middle and high school kids who enjoy learning more about the Revolutionary War and how George Washington helped the Patriots.

Samantha Beaujour says

1. None.
2. 2nd-4th grade.
3. This Magic Tree House book tells about Jack and Annie traveling to the time of General George Washington to find something to send. The General is leading his people across the Delaware River to attack their enemy.
4. This is one of the better series for kids new to chapter books. Osborne sets a perfect pacing and excitement level for her age group and does a good job of bringing in vocabulary.
5. Discuss and write down the accomplishments of George Washington. Complete character sketch for one for one of the characters in the book.

Savannah says

In the chapter book *Magic Tree House: Revolutionary War on Wednesday*, Jack and Annie find themselves back in time during the American Revolutionary War. The kids meet the commander in chief of the American patriot army, George Washington, and they find him questioning their plan to cross the Delaware River; Jack and Annie bravely stand up to Washington and encourage him to continue on their secret mission. This book provides a unique, fun, and interesting view for students on the Revolutionary War and on George Washington's mission of crossing the Delaware. This book would be a good resource to use in a 2nd grade through 5th grade classroom, when covering curriculum of the American Revolutionary War or discussing the accomplishments of George Washington.

Kimberly says

Jack and Annie get sent back to the revolutionary war to find a second writing they need to save Camelot. While they are there the soldiers are just leading across the river to seek up on the red coats on Christmas. They sneaked on to the boat with the soldiers and when they landed George Washington was thinking about quitting but they convinced him to carry on and they won. Also George Washington gave Jack a letter to send to his family if they didn't make it and that was the writing he needed

Stella Wenny says

It was actually a pretty good short children story. I learn something about American Revolutionary War.

Lisa Dominick says

Revolutionary War on Wednesday (*Magic Tree House*, #22) by Mary Pope Osborne is a historical fiction intended for readers age 5 to 8 years old. The *Magic Tree House* series is about brother and sister, Jack and Annie, age 7 and 8 who find a magic tree house that takes them wherever they want to go based on pictures they point to in books while in the magic tree house. In this episode of the book, they are on the second mission of finding four special writings to help save Camelot. This mission involved their traveling back to a real time in American history on December 25, 1776 when George Washington lead his men across the Delaware river to fight against the German Hessian soldiers to gain independence for America. I gave the book a 5-star rating because of the plot and use of language. The author has created a unique way to teach young readers about real places, times and events through the adventures of Jack and Annie and the use of a magic tree house with the books that it contains. In *Revolutionary War on Wednesday*, like other books in the series, when Jack and Annie travel to the past, they carry other books related to the time they are visiting. The books they carry offer additional information about the history of the time they have traveled to. This would be like highlights or side information in other books and is cleverly placed in the book where the young readers may not realize that they are learning details about history. The language is simple but also uses metaphors to describe the conditions that the children experienced. For instance, in the book the children arrive in Delaware during the winter when it is snowing and cold. The author makes reference to the

weather conditions with metaphors such as, “the sky was gray and heavy with clouds” and “Wet snowflakes hissed in the dark” (Osborne). My nine-year-old son started reading this series at the end of kindergarten. We both enjoy reading about the adventures of Jack and Annie and historical events. This series is definitely a good read.

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Alex says

I enjoyed this book because I liked the part when I learned that the Commander-in-chief was George Washington. I also enjoyed this book because I liked the part when the Patriots won the war by crossing the Delaware River and attacking on a stormy Christmas night.

Karen says

One of Jacob's favorite Magic Tree House books. He read this on his own. Jake is a big fan of George Washington and the Revolutionary War...krb 2/15/16

Malia Gaddis says

Summary: This Magic Tree House book tells about Jack and Annie traveling to the time of General George Washington to find something to send. The General is leading his people across the Delaware River to attack their enemy.

Evaluation: This book is a quick, easy read for 2-4th grades. The book contains some illustrations to help the reader imagine what is happening during the time period.

Teaching: I would use this book to read when learning about the Revolutionary War. I would read this book to help introduce the War because it doesn't have enough information. After each chapter, we will discuss the events that led to the war and how it affected the soldiers. This book will be used to help teach cause and effect. The students need to understand that there were events that happened in the war, which caused even more problems.

Maudie says

Genre: Modern Fantasy

Grade: 4-6

This book is filled with interesting scenarios that a little kid could enjoy reading and I also enjoyed it. They

talked about fact on the revolutionary war and how George Washington turned it around and how the soilders wanted to give up but was able to find their faith in G.W's speech written by Thomas Paine. This books has a lot of facts but also it's filled with a lot of fiction. It's a fun way to introduce the war to kids and have them write their own version.
