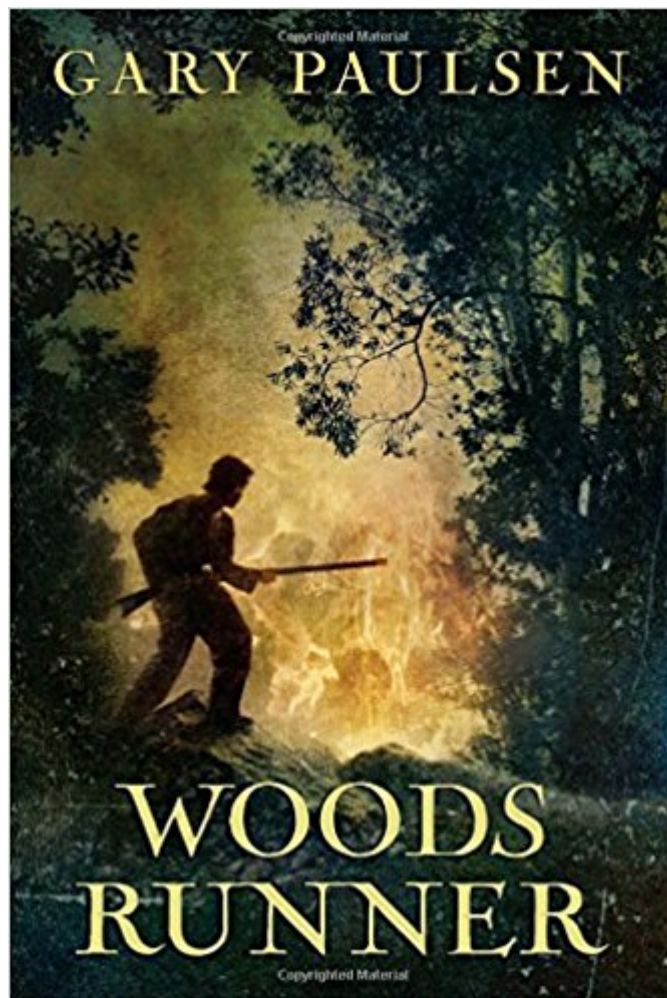


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Synopsis

Samuel, 13, spends his days in the forest, hunting for food for his family. He has grown up on the frontier of a British colony, America. Far from any town, or news of the war against the King that American patriots have begun near Boston. But the war comes to them. British soldiers and Iroquois attack. Samuel's parents are taken away, prisoners. Samuel follows, hiding, moving silently, determined to find a way to rescue them. Each day he confronts the enemy, and the tragedy and horror of this war. But he also discovers allies, men and women working secretly for the patriot cause. And he learns that he must go deep into enemy territory to find his parents: all the way to the British headquarters, New York City. From the Hardcover edition.

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In the wilderness of Pennsylvania Colony about the time of the American Revolutionary War 1775, a young lad of age 13 loses his parents to a British Force and Iroquois Indian War party as his parents are captured and carried off as captives. The young boy strikes off to rescue his parents and ultimately ends up in New York city, a British occupied war camp. This kid had no money nor friends that he could call upon for assistance. A lack of clothing and guns and ammunition made him a real prisoner of the deep dark wilderness of Pennsylvania and an open target to any British, Indian or wild animal force looking for prisoners or a quick meal. No money, no food and no relatives or friends to call upon for the very bare necessities of life. How could one so young, inexperienced and ragged rebel avoid sudden capture and death if captured by the British Army, Tories, highwaymen, Indians or natural enemies? What challenged him to continue the venture to save his parents and simply survive the cold wilderness is what legends are made from. Well, he wasn't alone. There were plenty of other young lads out in the cold with one desire and that was to avoid capture and survive the British, Indians and challenges of the Revolutionary War. And what is really amazing is that these young men were able to survive in great enough numbers to help defeat the British, pacify the Native Americans and make a major contribution to AMERICA'S ULTIMATE VICTORY. It is a story of Colonial strength and determination that ultimately contributed to our final victory and freedom. It speaks of the unusual metal that our early forefathers were made of. Read what America was truly like to live in during this time period. Learn what America looked and smelled like. Even better, learn how our forefathers were able to survive all odds and help bring the American dream to light. Where did all this strength and determination come from? I think it is a characteristic that all nations have come to recognize from true Americans. Simply stated, "Don't Tread On Me." And we put our muskets where our mouths are. And made the ultimate sacrifice to

insure our colonial victory against all odds.

Well written, fast paced story. The main character is relate-able and likable. I appreciate the fact pages interspersed into the book these pages tell the facts and some figured of the war. Supports the fictional story is based on real events with factual details.

I am reading this with a group of eighth grade special education students with mild learning disabilities, and they are truly enjoying this book. It is helping them to understand their current Social Studies content while also engaging them in a deeply emotional and exciting journey. Thank you, Gary Paulsen, for capturing the interest of reluctant readers with a very important story to tell. You've once again enriched my classroom.

This was an amazing historical novel that teaches our young readers about some of the struggles families had during the Revolutionary War. It teaches them that we need to care for other people around us, and we can accomplish more than we ever thought possible if we try hard. The story is engaging and keeps the action flowing. Our young readers won't want to put the book down. It is short enough not to overwhelm struggling readers.

Good story for elementary readers.

It's a pretty good book. At the beginning like most books, it sucked.... alot... but after the first 3 or 4 chapters it gets better and better and in the end I would rate this a 4 star. I usually don't read historical fictions ever and I liked it.

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