

NPR's Book Concierge

Our Guide To 2017's Great Reads

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I Survived the American Revolution 1776

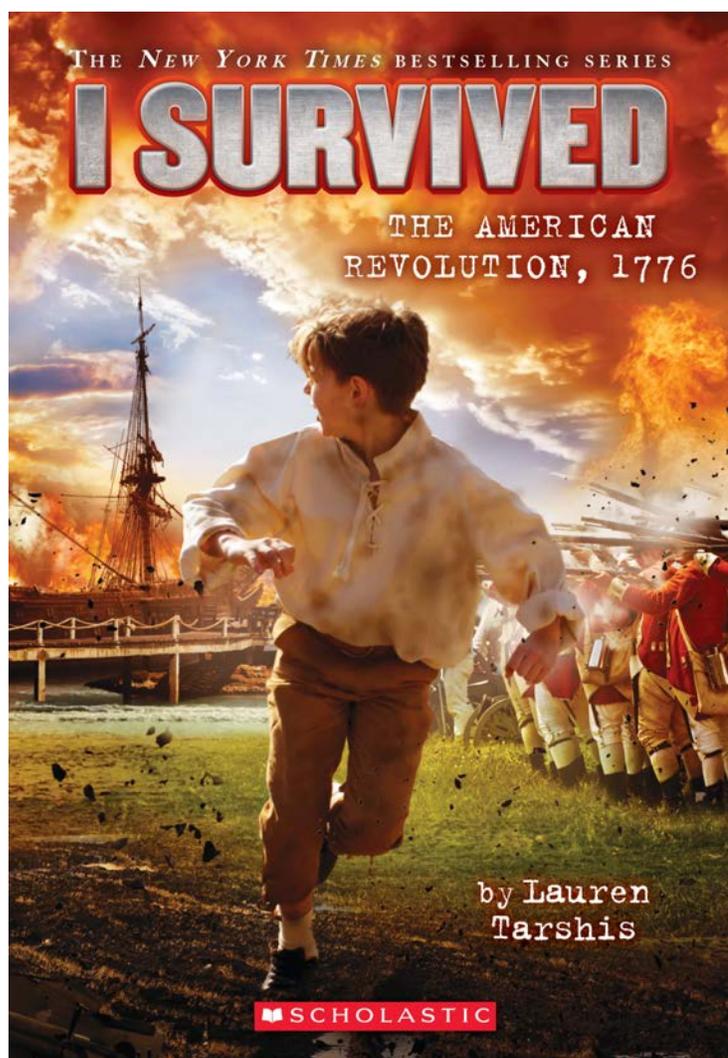
By Lauren Tarshis

Staff Picks

For History Lovers

Historical Fiction

Kids' Books



The 15th in Lauren Tarshis' meticulously researched series is, like its predecessors, a clever marriage of history and character. The title is a spoiler: Each book follows the thrilling (terrifying) path of a young person encountering an historical event, from Pompeii to 9/11. In this one, a boy named Nate wanders into the Battle of Brooklyn in 1776. It's filled with the kinds of detail that will pleasantly surprise adults and transfix middle-graders who have grown up bopping to Hamilton. (My 6-year-old found answers to lyrics that had been vexing him — "Mom, what's a bayonet?") Tarshis' treatment of the heroes of the Revolution and their relationship to slavery—the country's original sin—is smart and straightforward and a great way to take the political conversation of the moment, into the personal.

—recommended by **Barrie Hardyman**,
editor, *Weekend Edition*

A LOT OR A LITTLE?

The parents' guide to what's in this book.

A+ ●●●●●
Educational value

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Positive messages

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Positive role models & representations

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Violence & scariness

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Language

