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Everybody's Revolution: A New Look at the People Who Won

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Fleming, Thomas. *Everybody's Revolution: A New Look at the People Who Won*. Scholastic, 2006. ISBN 0439634040. \$19.99. 96 p.

Reviewer: Kate Reynolds

Reading Level: Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Informational books;

Subject: Minorities--Juvenile United States--History--18th century--Juvenile literature; Pluralism (Social sciences)--United States--History--18th century--Juvenile literature; United States--History--Revolution--Juvenile literature, 1775-1783--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews

Paul Revere was the son of a Frenchman; John Paul Jones was born in Scotland; Crispus Attucks was black; and Robert Shurtleff was a woman--All of them played a role in the American Revolution. Fleming's stated goal in this book is to illustrate that the Revolutionary War was not simply a war between "two groups of Englishmen...on opposite sides of the Atlantic" but rather a struggle that was fought by people from various places and backgrounds.

There is little detailed history about any one person, but what the book lacks in depth, it makes up in breadth. Fleming covers contributions from Europeans, African Americans (both slave and free), American Indians, women, and children. *Everybody's Revolution* is a useful starting point for discussions on cultural diversity and contributions, as well as for basic research on any person named in the book. Readers will recognize some familiar names as well as learn other little-known fascinating stories. The only difficulty that some readers may encounter with this book is that in highlighting the courageous contributions of many people, it seems to glorify war itself too much.