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The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery

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Book Review

Title: The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery

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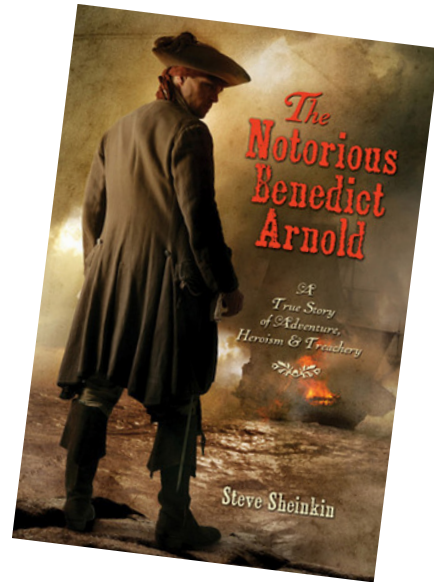
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Number of Pages: 337

Interest Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding



Review

Benedict Arnold is known for being the first great traitor against the United States of America, but few know he also played a role in saving the American Revolution. Arnold is wild, intelligent, daring, abrasive, and most definitely indelicate. He first led the Americans to victory in defining battles such as at Saratoga and vehemently argued for what he felt would end the fighting. After numerous conflicts with politics and Congress, Benedict Arnold believed the only way to stop the fighting and reinstate peace was to help the British end this terrible war. However, Arnold only met disappointment and resentment as the tide of war turned, once again, in favor of America.

Steve Sheinkin brilliantly tells the true story of Benedict Arnold's life and legacy in this accessible and entertaining biography. Perfect for middle grade to adult readers, *The Notorious Benedict Arnold* harmonizes first-person accounts, historical battles, and political intrigue in this historical nonfiction. Sheinkin gives readers an equal, and rather unbiased look at a historical figure that often falls under scrutiny. While it is undeniable the choices that Benedict Arnold made, it is interesting to consider the events of his life and the nature of his character that led to such actions. An excellent addition to any library, and especially for teachers wishing to engage students in the history of the American Revolution.

*Contains war scenes and mild language.