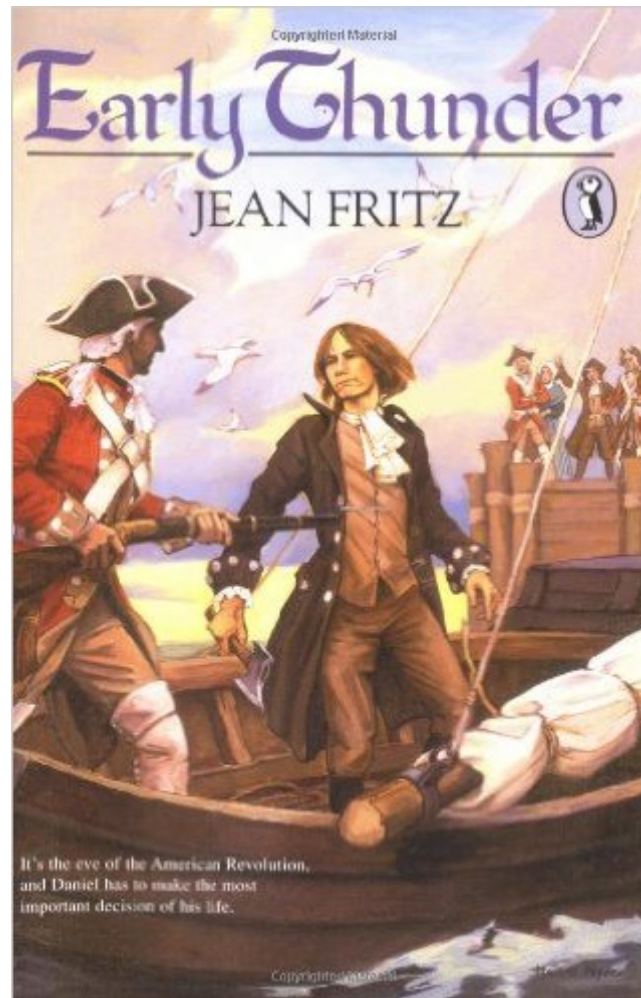


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Synopsis

In pre-revolutionary Salem, fourteen-year-old Daniel begins to re-examine his loyalty to the King as the conflict between Tories and patriots increasingly divides the townspeople.

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Customer Reviews

Early Thunder is one of the best historical fiction books I've read; it's entertaining and educational. Both of my kids, now teenagers, love history and both attribute their love of history to reading stories rather than textbooks. Perhaps the reviewers that don't like Early Thunder are not familiar with the genre. The framework for the story Early Thunder revolves around factual events that occurred in Salem in 1775. The first battle of the Revolutionary War could have been in Salem, how it was avoided.... well, that would be a spoiler. The author lists her primary documents and identifies the fictional vs. real characters at the end of the book. Incorporated into the story is the lifestyle of the times and the friction between the Tories (supporters of the King of England) and the Whigs (those who desire self-government.) The central character, Daniel, is raised in a Tory family but has both Whig and Tory friends. As the events of history unfold, he begins to question his allegiance and whether he should take an active role in local affairs. The mischief of The Liberty Boys harassing Tories, adults shunning their neighbors, the manipulations of Sam Adams working around the British governor and soldiers, the danger of fire in a town, the importance of boats in the communities of Salem and Boston, and teenage boys' responsibilities are all seamlessly woven into the story. I happily recommend this book to my friends for students of any age. Even adults can enjoy reading about a surprising Revolutionary event that never makes it into a textbook.

Slow moving. I am a homeschool mom who loves reading historical fiction and especially love Jean Fritz (usually). It gave a good feel for the "mood" of the colonists leading up to the American Revolution but took waaaay too many pages and quickly became drudgery for myself and my kids. We got about 2/3 through and stopped. Too much unimportant detail and dialogue. Maybe it would have ended with a bang.

This book is about a 13 year old boy named Daniel who must make the choice of a lifetime. He must decide between Whig and Tory, Tory meaning loyalist to Britain and Whig meaning patriot. This book is a very good historical-fiction book it includes many good facts and many made up interesting parts, so if you like historical fiction then this is the book for you.

I liked this book very much because it was about the Revolutionary War and I'm very interested in that Daniel West has trouble figuring out whether he is a Whig (unloyal to the king) or a Tory (loyal to the king). He is so sick of those liberty gifts, rotten eggs and anything nasty, the liberty boys put on his porch. "It's the eve of the revolution and Daniel must make the most crucial decision of his life." This book would only be liked by people who love American history, like me. It's not really whether you're a boy or girl, but this story is about a boy so boys might like it better. If I were to rate this book 1 to 10 on its difficulty level with 1 being the easiest and 10 being the hardest book I've ever read, I'd rate it a 7.

I think this book did several things well. It showed what was going on in the colonies from the view of Tories and Patriots. It also includes a lot of every day life stuff as well giving you an idea of what day to day living was like back then for grown men, women and children. Anyone should be able to relate to the main characters search for truth and identity. It's a great coming of age story set in the Revolutionary War and written by one of the best authors of historical children's books.

Early Thunder is a book about a boy growing up right before the Revolutionary War. He is a Tory, which means that he supports the King and British rule. Daniel West, a 13-year-old boy, is a loyal Tory with a father who happens to be a doctor. He has a little sister and brother, and a best friend named Beckett Foote. Daniel watches as the events that lead to the American Revolution take place. He questions his loyalty to the King, and in the end, shows whom he supports loud and clear. I would recommend this book to people who are interested in The American Revolution. If you

aren't, you probably will be after reading this book. It has a lot of historical facts and places, plus some not so important events. If you combine these, you have a very cool historical fiction book.

Early Thunder is about a boy, Daniel West, who is caught in the middle of the battle between Tories and Whigs during the American Revolution. It wasn't the best book I ever read, and as another reviewer mentioned, it has a slow start. The book is mostly centered on Daniel's personal conflict, so if you are looking for action, you won't find it here. Besides that, the book was okay. I guess I am a little miffed because I have to do a project on the book (LOL), but I wouldn't recommend it. People interested in the ordinary people of the Revolutionary War might enjoy this book, so don't let my opinion stop you! A friend of mine read the book and thoroughly enjoyed it.

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