

## January 5<sup>th</sup> – Annotated Bibliography of Children’s Books

Borden, Louise, Sleds on Boston Common, Margaret K. McElderry Books, New York: 2000.

- A young boy complains to General Gage after his plans to sled down the steep hill at Boston Commons is thwarted by the masses of British troops camped there.

Brenner, Barbara, If You Were There in 1776, Macmillan, New York: 1994.

- Demonstrates how the concepts and principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence were drawn from the experiences of living in America in the late eighteenth century. Emphasis is given to how children lived on a New England farm, a Southern plantation and the frontier.

Davis, Burke, Black Heroes of the American Revolution, Harcourt, Brace Jovanovich, New York: 1976.

- An account of black soldiers, sailors, scouts, spies, guides and wagoners who participated and sacrificed in the struggle for American independence.

Egger-Bovet, Howard and Smith-Baranzini, M., Skids History: Book of the American Revolution, Little, Brown and Company, 1994.

- Highlights events leading up to the American Revolution, life in the colonies during war time and important figures of the time. Through the use of stories and activities transmits a great deal of information about this period in history.

Fleming, Candace, The Hatmaker’s Sign: A Story by Benjamin Franklin, Orchard Books, New York: 1998.

- To heal the hurt pride of Thomas Jefferson as Congress makes changes to his Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Franklin tells his friend the story of the hat maker and his sign.

Freedman, Russell, Give Me Liberty: The Story of the Declaration of Independence, Holiday House, New York: 2000.

- Describes events leading up to the Declaration of Independence as well as the personalities and politics behind its framing.

Hansen, Joyce and McGowan, Gary, Breaking Ground, Breaking Silence: The Story of New York’s African Burial Ground, Holt and Company, New York: 1998.

- Describes the discovery and study of the African American burial ground found in Manhattan in 1991, while excavating for a new building, and what it reveals about the lives of black people in Colonial times.

Haskins, James and Benson, Kathleen, Bound for America: The Forced Migration of Africans to the NewWorld, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, New York: 1999.

- One of an excellent series of 7 books designed to explore the impact peoples of African descent have made on world history and the American experience. This book discusses the enslavement of Africans by Europeans and their arrival in America.

Haskins, James and Benson, Kathleen, Building a New Land: African Americans in Colonial America, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, New York: 2001.

- Part of the same series, discusses the changing roles, rights and contributions of African Americans in the US during the colonial period (1607-1763).

Isaacs, Sally Senzell, America During the Time of George Washington, Heinemann Library, Illinois: 1998.

- Uses the life of George Washington as a reference to examine the history of the United States during the French and Indian Wars, the American Revolution, the time of the Continental Congress, and the early years of the new nation.

Perl, Lila, Slumps, Grunts and Snickerdoodles, Clarion Books, New York: 1975.

- A chance to explore the diversity of people that made up the early colonists through recipes.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis, Dear Benjamin Banneker, Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York: 1994.

- Biography of Benjamin Banneker, a self taught mathematician and astronomer who spoke out against slavery during Revolutionary times. Benjamin was one of the first black men to create an almanac and correspond with government officials.

Smith, Carter, (editor) The Revolutionary War: A Sourcebook on Colonial America, Millbrook Press, Connecticut: 1991.

- Describes and illustrates the historical, political, military, social and cultural aspects of the Revolutionary War through a variety of images created during that period. Not very pluralistic in its perspective.

Turner, Ann, Katie’s Trunk, Macmillan, New York: 1992. • Katie, whose family is not sympathetic to the rebel soldiers during the American Revolution, hides under the clothes in her mother’s wedding trunk when they invade her home.

Washburne, Carol Kott, A Multicultural Portrait of Colonial Life, Marshall Cavendish Corporation, New York: 1994.

- Colonial history including the perspectives of Africans and women.