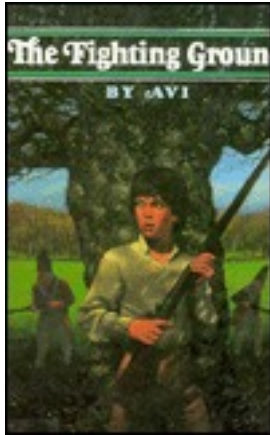

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Description

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He may be just thirteen, but Jonathan knows he's ready to go to the war against the British. He can handle a gun. He yearns to battle for glory, just like his brother and cousin.

So when Jonathan hears the tavern bell toll, calling men to fight, he runs to join them. He doesn't realize that in just twenty-four hours, his life will be forever altered — by the war, by his fellow soldiers, and by the terrible choices he must make.

Insightful reviews

Rll52014_barb_zachwieja: Don't be fooled by this little 148 page gem of a historical fiction book. THE FIGHTING GROUND by Avi packs a punch for the young readers. I used to use this book in conjunction with our study of the American Revolution in 5th grade. The main character, Jonathan, is 13 years old, but he is so eager to join the fighting for independence. His older brother is serving with General Washington, and his own father had been honorably discharged from service after receiving a serious leg wound. Jonathan wants his turn, too. However, his father forbids him to join the army at this time. So, when Jonathan hears the tavern bell ring, he runs to see what the news is. When he gets there, he has the opportunity to fight with a local rag-tag regiment behind his father's back, Jonathan goes for it. The action follows 24 hours in the life of this young soldier. He is captured by Hessian soldiers, and he regrets his eagerness to fight. Will Jonathan survive? Will he escape the Hessians? Most of all, who should he trust--his own corporal who has not acted honorably, or the Hessians who have treated him with kindness and respect thus far? The children loved the action in this book. It is a little challenging to read because Avi uses authentic German in the text. However, there is a translation for the reader in the back of the book. Very well-written for grades 4-7. --Barb

Brenna Call: Coming of age story taking place in New Jersey during the Revolutionary War. Jonathon, a naïve 13 year old boy disobeys his knowing father and runs off to defend his town against the enemy soldiers that have come to attack them. In 24 hours time Jonathon learns what it means to be a soldier and is forever changed because of his experiences. This story was action-packed, fast-moving and suspenseful. The setting was well described and I could see myself in Jonathon's position and was deeply moved by this small novel.

Meltha: Well, this was an odd book. It did get better, or I got more used to the writing style, which is very choppy and seems to make a point of not using words of more than two syllables if possible. I'm honestly having difficulty trying to place what age group this is aimed at. Boys, definitely, as there are only two females anywhere in the book, neither of whom does much. The main character is thirteen, but the book seems written for a younger group than that, perhaps fourth grade (the literacy seems about on a par with the Little House books). However, there's

also some violence in the book along with some swearing, which would seem to point a little higher than that.

I'll also repeat that Jonathan himself seems to bungle things so badly so many times that it becomes problematic. There was a touch of the book being a bit too pedantic and nearly talking down to the reader in places. Still, not a lot of books of much worth in the junior high age range seem to be written specifically for boys, so this could have some merit.

Nathan Conrad: i believe that this used to be a truly reliable booklet it had loads of very important information about the yr and concerning the war. whatever that i did not like used to be the finishing as the major personality Jonathan simply will get came upon by way of the opposite infantrymen on his part of the conflict and simply is going domestic and the final four phrases are "i am alive Oh alive". i might recce mend this booklet to anyone who's into conflict and heritage books since it defined amazing information about the warfare and the whole lot with while Jonathan obtained captured by way of three enemy soldiers. The subject matter is to do what you must do in life. total this can be a amazing ebook and that i particularly beloved the book.

MonsterAteMy: The nine-year-old was once very considerate in reviewing this book. Unfortunately, I ignored to put in writing his phrases in a well timed fashion, so you will have to make do with what I consider of his comments. This was once learn aloud at bedtime over the process a pair weeks. it really is disturbing, so probably now not the easiest bedtime selection in retrospect. It sparked a couple of conversations which made bedtime run later than it's going to have, yet such issues are important, are they not? children can get a truly glamorous notion of war, particularly if their merely publicity to the concept that is through video clips or video games. (Not that that was once the case with my guy, yet --like loads of kids-- he does get pleasure from his play-battles.) This booklet will speedy shatter this sort of notions, because it brings the reader face-to-face with a few of the scary matters and ethical dilemmas that confront the younger protagonist. It happens throughout the progressive War, and the writer does an exceptional task bringing that atmosphere to life. My son recommends this e-book not just simply because he loved it, but in addition simply because he feels that "it is a crucial educating book". it is a nice name to learn jointly and discuss.

Ms.: This ebook is set a boy who is going off to struggle in struggle yet reveals out that it's more durable than he thinks. HE sees his dads buddies die and will get stuck in a few beautiful messy problems. _Leanna cThis booklet is lovely difficult for a thirteen 12 months previous boy named Jonathan. it truly is approximately while a bell tolls to name males over to struggle for the struggle opposed to the Hessians. Jonathan has needed to head struggle for a truly very long time yet his dad will not permit him, he is mad at his dad specially simply because Jon's brother is already struggling with for George Washington. He comes to a decision to sneak away to war. while he reveals out that warfare isn't really what he anticipated to be like, he needs he by no means went to war. What occurs to Jonathan after he unearths out he made a terrible mistake? if you would like the answer, you will have to learn the book! Jonathan his entire lifestyles sought after to fight within the warfare and be a hero. As he reveals out, its tougher than he thinks. Join Jonathan and his fight to stick alive. -Emily R. He should be simply thirteen, yet Jonathan understands he is able to visit the conflict opposed to the British. He can deal with a gun. He

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