



## **2025 ASF Read & Ride Recommended Book List - Celebrate America AZ 250!**

If you're looking for book recommendations for your students' Read & Ride forms, please see the Arizona State Librarian's list of book recommendations below for children ages 6-14 years. This list is intended to encourage literacy through patriotic inspired reads to celebrate America's 250th anniversary of independence next year! Included are books from the PBS [America250 Reading List](#), [Books from All 50 States](#) compiled by the National Education Association, and [From the American Revolution to a New Nation](#) suggested by Reading Rockets.

**Read & Ride:** Children ages 5-14 earn one free ride per book read and verified on submitted book report form (maximum 3 books). Nurture the love of reading with the only way to get free rides at the Fair. Completed form(s) can be redeemed at the Read & Ride Redemption Center, located inside the Shopping Pavilion on the West side of the Fairgrounds. [Click here to learn more and download the form.](#)

### **Grades 1-3**

- *George vs George: The American Revolution as Seen By Both Sides* by Rosalyn Schanzer
- *They Called Her Molly Pitcher* by Anne Rockwell and Cynthia von Buhler
- *John, Paul, George, and Ben* by Lane Smith
- *Shh! We're Writing the Constitution* by Jean Fritz
- *Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette* by Selene Castrovilla
- *Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library* by Barb Rosenstock
- *Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts
- *Abigail & John* by David Bruce Smith
- *Tricking the Tallyman* by Jacqueline Davies
- *Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies* by Cokie Roberts
- *Sybil's Night Ride* by Karen B. Winnick
- *Leave it to Abigail! The Revolutionary Life of Abigail Adams* by Barb Rosenstock
- *The Scarlet Stockings Spy* by Trinka Noble
- *We the People: The Story of Our Constitution* by Lynne Cheney
- *We the People: The Constitution of the United States* by Peter Spier
- *The Boston Tea Party* by Russell Freedman
- *The History of the American Revolution* by Emma Carlson Berne
- *Cactus Hotel* by Brenda Z Guiberson
- *Big Moon Tortilla* by Joy Cowley

- *One Day in the Desert* by Jean Craighead George
- *Grand Canyon* by Jason Chin

#### **Grades 4-6**

- *Independent Dames: What You Never Knew about the Women and Girls of the American Revolution* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Thomas Jefferson Grows a Nation* by Peggy Thomas
- *One Dead Spy* by Nathan Hale
- *Black Heroes of the American Revolution* by Burke Davis
- *Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar
- *Susanna's Midnight Ride: The Girl Who Won the Revolutionary War* by Libby Carty McNamee
- *Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution* by Avi
- *Samuel Adams and the Boston Tea Party* by Gary Jeffery
- *Guts & Glory: The American Revolution* by Ben Thompson
- *Rebellion 1776* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *History Smashers: The American Revolution* by Kate Messner and Justin Greenwood
- *Brightly of the Grand Canyon* by Marguerite Henry
- *Saving Lucas Biggs* by Marisa de los Santos and David Teague
- *Weedflower* by Cynthia Kadohata
- *One Day in the Desert* by Jean Craighead George
- *Grand Canyon* by Jason Chin
- *A Diamond in the Desert* by Kathryn Fitzmaurice
- *Ghost Fever = Mal de fantasma* by Joe Hayes
- *George vs George: The American Revolution as Seen By Both Sides* by Rosalyn Schanzer

#### **Grades 7-9**

- *Guts & Glory: The American Revolution* by Ben Thompson
- *Rebellion 1776* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie
- *Weedflower* by Cynthia Kadohata
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *A Diamond in the Desert* by Kathryn Fitzmaurice
- *George vs George: The American Revolution as Seen By Both Sides* by Rosalyn Schanzer

