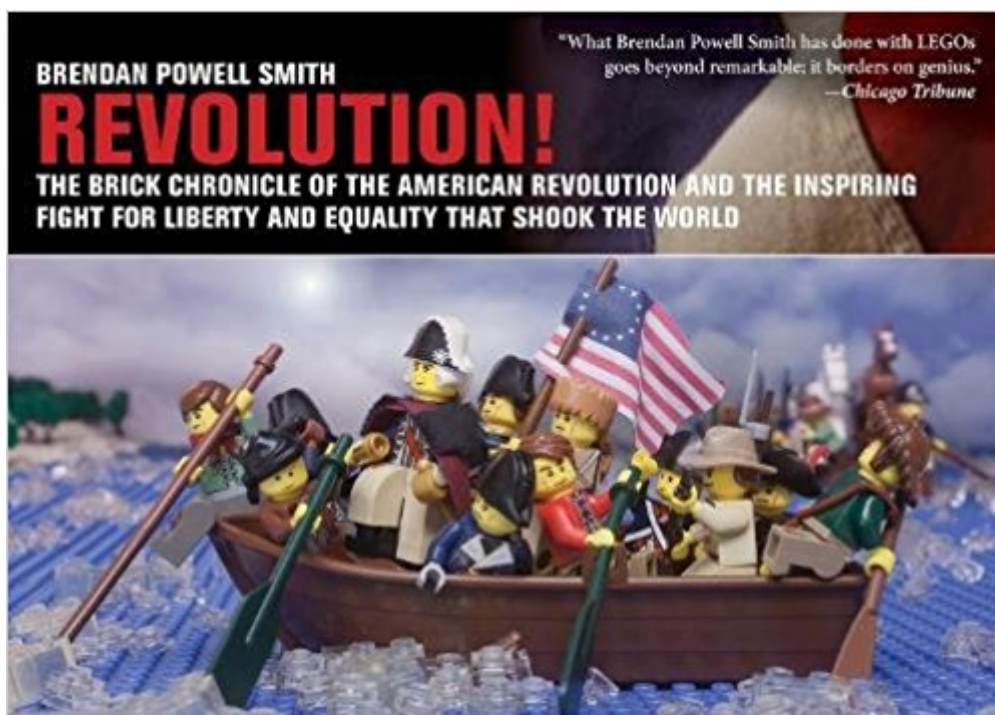




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Revolution!: The Brick Chronicle Of The American Revolution And The Inspiring Fight For Liberty And Equality That Shook The World



Synopsis

Creator of the bestselling The Brick Bible series, master LEGO storyteller Brendan Powell Smith makes history come alive with a fresh new telling of the most fascinating details of our past. Following 2013's Assassination!, Smith's new Revolution! takes readers on a wild ride through events that shaped the world and shows how two revolutions inspired by the highest of ideals—liberty and fair representation—went in such profoundly different directions. While the struggles of the American Revolution forged a nation that became a beacon of hope and democracy to the world, the upheavals of the French Revolution plunged that nation into a nightmare of ghastly terrors that collapsed into despotism. For the first time in LEGO, see the infamous Boston Tea Party, the battles of Lexington and Concord, George Washington's daring crossing of the Delaware, Paul Revere's midnight ride, the drafting of the Declaration of Independence, and more. Across the pond, discover the reign of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, the storming of the Bastille, the Women's March on Versailles, the Reign of Terror, the guillotining of royalty and traitors alike, and the ultimate rise of Napoleon. With over four hundred highly detailed illustrations, Smith captures the spirit of these American and French revolutionaries, demonstrating the compelling power of this unlikely creative medium. Whether a historian or a LEGO enthusiast, readers of all ages will surely be enthralled with Brendan Powell Smith's latest brick creation in The Brick Chronicle series. It's history made fun! Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history—books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Brendan Powell Smith graduated from Boston University and is the author of Assassination!, as well as The Brick Bible and The Brick Bible for Kids series. He has produced over five thousand illustrations retelling over four hundred stories from the Bible, and his website, bricktestament.com (now thebrickbible.com), has received accolades worldwide. He resides near Mountain View, California.

Interesting tidbits of history about the American and French revolutions with LEGO scenes that keep it interesting. Some sections are inappropriate for younger readers due to battlefield violence, and off-battlefield murder and rape. I chose to read through this with my kids, and skip over some of the portions I was uncomfortable sharing with them.

Pros -Creative "illustrations."Comprehensive writing.Accurate.Entertaining.Con -Mostly advertised as it being about the American Revolution, when in fact, half of it is devoted to the French Revolution. However, there's nothing wrong with that other than the fact that you might be disappointed by there not being more info on the American Revolution.

An absolute wonder--mesmerizing for adults and children. (A note to parents: in spite of the scenes being rendered only in Lego pieces, some moments manage to be a little gory.) This Lego series of books is wonderful.

Great way for my son to learn history without realizing it!

it was a good book

Fun read, that combines the magic of Legos with the history of the US and France. Brendan doesn't pull any punches either, when it comes to some of the more reprehensible parts of the formation of the US and France.

This book needs a more visible indication that it is not appropriate for children. It's not just that there exist graphic and gory pictures, it's that it seems that MOST of the pictures are graphic and gory. It's more a history of all of the graphic and gory things that occurred in the American and French Revolutions (and omg, I never thought anyone could or would do that with LEGOs) than anything else. Unless you want your kid asking what it means that a girl's beheaded body was hauled off to find out if her hymen was still intact, save this for your younger cousin majoring in history and minoring in frat parties.

The book is labeled for grades 3-7. It's gory images, graphic descriptions, and use of explicit language make me disagree. "Separate the Austrian whore from her **F bomb** tart's neck" is not appropriate for that grade level. A higher grade level or college student might find the presentation entertaining. I mean, who doesn't like legos dismembering each other and lego blood and guts spilling everywhere.

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