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# Midnight Rider



## Synopsis

Fourteen-year-old Hannah is an orphan living with her cruel aunt Phoebe in Salem, Massachusetts. Hannah recently lost her mother, and now her only comfort is her horse, Promise. But when her money-hungry aunt sells the horse and then indentures Hannah to the Boston family of a British general, Hannah vows to retrieve Promise at all costs, and join the fight for freedom. In Boston, as disagreements between the Whigs and the Tories run high and Americans prepare for revolution, not only does Hannah begin secret meetings with the Sons of Liberty disguised as a boy, but she is also reunited with Promise. Together with her beloved horse, Hannah takes a bold step to join the fight for freedom and sets off on a dangerous mission. Will she and Promise succeed?

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## Customer Reviews

I have read this story with students average age 14. Their response was total involvement in the plot and the character, Hannah and her horse, Promise. They did not believe at first that the book would be interesting, since they thought it would be "ho hum" history. The cover illustration suggests it might be another Paul Revere Midnight Ride to Lexington and Concord. Wrong! The main historical event is the lesser known "Salem Alarm." The author weaves fascinating historical events into a plot that today's kids love. Not a bit boring! In fact, one student said, "It was like watching a movie in my head." Kids LOVED this story and rated it a 10/10. Did I forget to mention that I loved it, too?

Joan Harlow knows how to catch the excitement of an historical event and weave a believable story and characters into it. MIDNIGHT RIDER, is the account of fourteen-year-old Hannah Andrews who

rides her horse from Boston to Salem in 1775 to warn the colonists of a British raid. Hannah, originally from Salem, has been indentured by her scheming aunt into the Boston household of General Gage, governor of the colonies. As a servant she finds herself in the midst of not only family secrets, but angry clashes between colonists and British troops. She sneaks out to secret meetings of Patriots and one day overhears General Gage's plan to seize colonial munitions stored in Salem. Hannah, siding with freedom-loving colonists knows what she has to do. She risks her life and that of her horse Promise to ride through a snowstorm to warn the people of Salem about the raid. Joan Harlow captures the character of this spunky girl who reflects the grit and determination of colonial America to gain independence.

hi this is Madalyn Dellamuth here and all i have to say about this book is WOW. Midnight Rider is my life itis like an illness that i cant get rid of, but the good kind of illness. ITS CONTAGIOUS!!!!!!~^^^~ I

This has to be one of my favorite stories written about our fight for freedom. I warn you, when you pick up this book, you are not going to want to put it down and you will never want it to end. She wrapped so much history into this book (though you do NOT feel like you are reading a textbook) that you love all the characters and learn so much by the end of the story. I love historical fiction and I will be looking at her other exciting adventures to read in the future.

My 10 year old daughter read Midnight Rider as an assignment in her 5th grade class. The kids in the class were split into "book clubs" and could only read a certain number of chapters every week...then meet with their group to discuss. If it hadn't been for this set pace, I think my daughter would have tried to read the book all in one sitting. There is a character tragedy at the end of the book that hit my daughter really hard. It made me wonder if she was perhaps a little too young for the book. Other than that, I would highly recommend this story that both entertains and teaches a little colonial history as well.

Midnight Rider is by Joan Hiatt Harlow, and she doesn't have any awards. I think the reader should read this book because it tells you a life about an indentured servant. The theme is courage because Hannah does brave things. The book is about a girl named Hannah who gets separated from her horse Promise and gets sold to a Boston family. Hannah had problems when she is with the Boston family and meets new people on the way. My favorite part in the book was when Will and

Hannah started dating because I could tell that Hannah and Will would be a good couple. This book would be great for readers who love Historical fiction, emotional readers with a little romance.

This story is about a young teenage girl named hannah who got sold as an indentured servant and her horse was sold to a young boy named will. as Hannah goes through trouble and making and losing friends she becomes having courage and is caught doing some other dangerous stuff that got into trouble and become free from one of her biggest mistakes

It makes a good resource for teaching historical fiction that fits the fifth grade curriculum here. Connections with students' social studies classes are many. Additionally, the kids relate to the main characters.

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