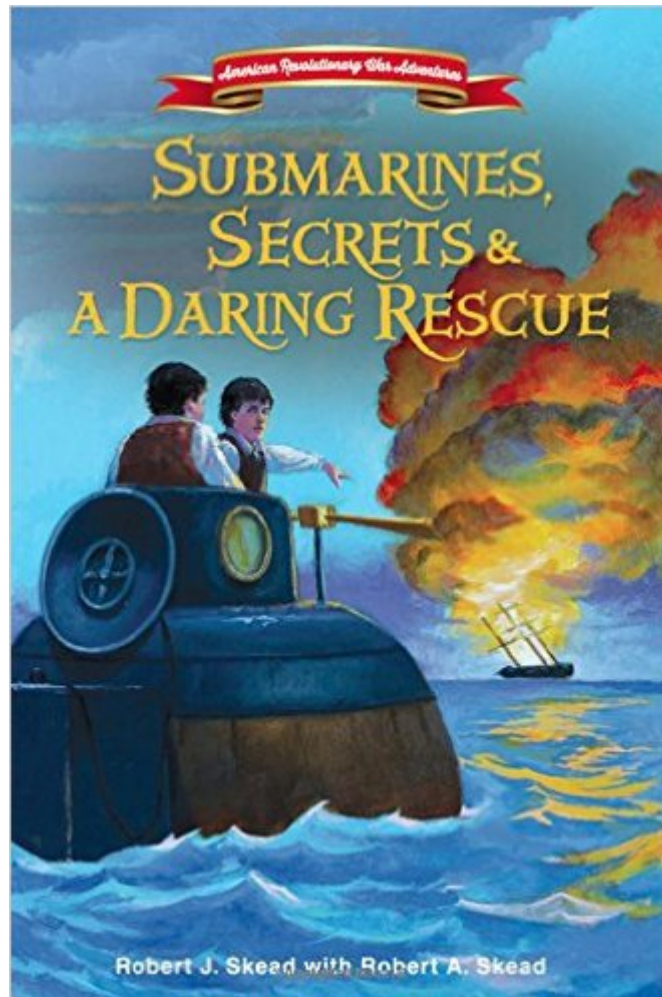


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# Submarines, Secrets And A Daring Rescue (American Revolutionary War Adventures)



## Synopsis

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their older brothers. Follow these brave young patriots as they follow in their father's footsteps and rely on each other, their considerable courage, and God's providence for guidance and strength." My Review: Based on actual events in history but formatted fiction story that involves twin brothers, Ambrose and John Clark that set about on these awesome adventures. These very brave young souls trying to do their part to help in the war effort. But sometimes they find themselves in very dangerous situations that put their lives in danger and somehow they are always able to escape virtually unharmed. This series is perfect for our own very daring young souls that like to read war adventures. The books in this series offer a children so much more than a historically based fiction store. It offers some real life history in the back of each book that my boys and I enjoy. I especially like the historical characters bio's. They go into a little more detail on each of the real life characters that are represented in the store. It is always fun to learn more about these individuals that helped shaped our history. Fascinating stuff! \*\*Disclosure\*\* This book was sent to me free of charge for my honest review from the author.

Submarines, Secrets, and a Daring Rescue is a juvenile fiction novel written by father/son team Robert J. Skead and Robert A. Skead. This is the second book written in the American Revolutionary War Adventures series by the father/son duo. (The first book was Patriots, Redcoats, & Spies.) The Skeads have family ties to the Revolutionary War, so this series seems to be particularly special for them. Submarines, Secrets, and a Daring Rescue is a 22-chapter, 206-page novel (the actual text of the story covers from page 9 through page 180). There is also some additional bonus material:- Acknowledgements- Note from the Storytellers- Oath of Allegiance- Discussion Questions- Historical Characters- Glossary- Historical Letters There are a few black and white/line art illustrations included, as well. (There are 9 total illustrations spread throughout the story.) As for the story itself, the year is 1778 and teenage twin boys (John & Ambrose Clark) are tasked with getting gunpowder to the patriots during the Revolutionary War. Eventually, John & Ambrose find themselves piloting an early submarine (The Turtle). Their older brother, Bert, gets involved, too. Submarines, Secrets, and a Daring Rescue keeps a good pace right from the start. The book is interesting, start-to-finish. I enjoyed reading Submarines, Secrets, and a Daring Rescue and have passed it on to my 9-year old son to read. Although there was no official mention of another book in the series, the ending certainly leaves it open for more. We will be keeping our eyes open for the possibility of another book, just incase. FTC Declaration: The publisher has provided me with a complimentary copy of this book or advanced reading copy through the BookLook Bloggers book review bloggers program. This does not change the fact that I will give my honest opinion in

my reviews.

I had read the first book, but my kids had not. I ended up doing this as a read-aloud, so I could really judge their responses to the book. The kids who listened in are right in the ages 8-12 intended age range (9 and 11). It took them a lot longer than I expected for them to start caring a whole lot about the characters and the story line. I thought it was exciting and suspenseful from the start, so maybe that had to do with me already "knowing" these characters from reading the first book. By the time we had hit the halfway mark, though, they -- or my son at least -- were begging for another chapter. "Come on, Mom, let's just finish it!" was said pretty much every time I suggested we had read enough for the day. If you have younger kids, you might want to pre-read a bit to be sure you are comfortable with the situations presented. Their older brother, Berty, is captured and beaten and is to be hung as a spy. I thought the Skead's did a good job of conveying how truly awful it was, without being too graphic. However, my definition of too graphic may not line up with yours. The beating-up chapter is rather short, and if your child is younger, reading this aloud would allow you to just summarize that bit (and maybe edit on the fly for a couple of other scenes) and still enjoy the adventure and action. My favorite part is at the end, where there are fairly extensive notes about what really happened, which characters were real people, etc. And of course, the ending is left wide open for the next book in the series. Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from the publisher through the BookLook Bloggers book review bloggers program. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

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