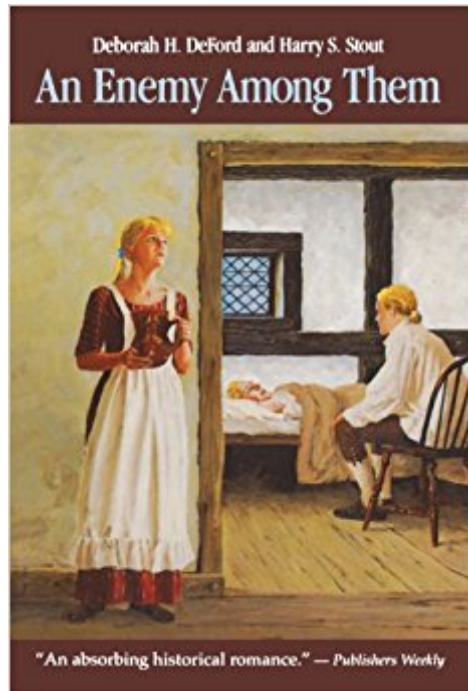




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Synopsis

Margaret must test her loyalty and courage when a wounded prisoner of war is brought into her Pennsylvania home in this novel of the Revolutionary era.

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"Sometimes people have to die," Margaret's brother tells her, "so that the rest can live." A young German-American, Margaret supports the rebel cause in the American Revolutionary War but hates to see her brothers leave home. Eventually she falls in love with a prisoner quartered with her family, Christian, a German soldier hired by the British. While re-creating the battles at Trenton, Chadd's Ford and Stony Point from Christian's viewpoint (and reflecting on his loyalties), the authors show the effects of the war on Margaret's close-knit family. This is an absorbing historical romance, but though the characters and their times have color and life, the story is occasionally marred by inflated writing (her "lament resonated through the anguished days") and too-neat coincidences. Ages 10-14. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 6-8 This historical novel has an interesting and original setting, together with sound historical underpinnings features that almost, but not quite, make up for the routine style in which it is written. Margaret Volpert, whose Pennsylvania family is firmly in the rebel camp during the American Revolution, and Christian Molitor, newly arrived from Germany as part of the Hessian mercenary troops, meet when Christian, wounded and taken prisoner, is paroled into the custody of Margaret's father. He becomes friendly with Margaret's brother John, who has been seriously wounded in the same battle as Christian by Christian, a fact which haunts the Hessian more and more as his feelings for the family, especially Margaret, increase. Near the end of the story, Margaret and Christian warn the rebel forces of a Loyalist plot to defeat them in the coming battle at Stony Point. At the close, Margaret's painful waiting, a continuing theme in the story, goes on this time for Christian, whom she hopes will survive the war to marry her. As the story rushes to the final events, it becomes more involving, but never quite rises above its authors' inability to provide readers with more than mundane interest in the characters. While a new historical novel for children is always welcome, especially one as well researched as this, it lacks sharp, well-developed characterizations and a vivid prose style. Christine Behrmann, New York Public Lib .Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Based on historical fact the author spun a good story. This is not a retelling of a true story but a story that was built on real pieces of historical fact which occurred during the Revolution. A very good read.

Extremely interesting, substantive and evoking the period. One of the best for young readers, and also for adults

Although the story and plot were good, i had to go through at least 20 pages of unnecessary boring details about the stupidest of things. But over all I liked it. The love story was amazing and the ending was fantastical!

I personally loved this book. I read it at 12 and definitely consider it one of my favorite books. not only does it have a lot to offer historically wise, but it also has a ton of drama and interesting parts to it. it has a bit of romance in the middle , but only a bit. When margrets brother goes to war she's worried. Then she visits a small temporary hospital and sees all the suffering and convinces her dad to bring a soldier to help her father and her. Little does she know that this certain soldier is from the other

side of the war and is the same soldier who shot her beloved brother. overcome by emotions he cant handle the young soldier runs away. i wont tell you any more because it would ruin the ending , but take my word it is a great book. Too bad they didn't write a sequel to it.

This was an interesting, good book. It's a little boring in the beginning, between pgs 1-10, but you get hooked after that. It's about mainly Margaret Volpert, and another main character is Private Christian Molitor, a Hessian. Margaret's family has a son, later 2, in the American army though they are German. When Margaret meets Christian, she sees how both sides' boys are the same, neither are evil. They're just fighting for their country, doing what they're told, what they believe in. But Christian has a secret that could turn Margaret against him...

1. This book is about this girl named Margret. She works at the hospital and she cares for a Hessian named Christian. When Christian goes into the war, he injured Margret's brother John. Will John Forgive Christian? Will Margret and Christian get married? Read it to find out!!2. I think this book is AWESOME!!!!3. Irony is a story element for this book because it makes you think that John would kill Christian, but he doesn't4. I would recommend this book to people who like war books.

This book was not too bad, infact it was a joy reading it. It kept me reading throughout the late hours of the night. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes history and war books. I'm not saying that this book it full of action and war though, there were parts which were not such a joy reading. But, still most of the book was good, in my opinion.

1. There is an enemy in the house and Margret doesn't know what. To do. A Red Coat is inside Margrets house and finds out, what is she to do.2. My opinion the book sucks, theres no action, it is the saddest book there ever was, not sad as in crying, sad as in bad.3. The theme don't let strangers into your home.4. I recommend this book to the people who likes historic books.

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