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### Meet Felicity: An American Girl (American Girls: Felicity #1)



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## Description

Felicity Merriman is a spunky, spritely girl growing up in Virginia in 1774, just before the Revolutionary War. Felicity's stories tell of the adventures of this spirited girl, who grows impatient doing the "sitting down kinds of things" that colonial girls are expected to do. Felicity much prefers to be outdoors, especially riding horses! In her stories, Felicity learns about responsibility and loyalty -- to her family, her friends, and her new country -- and what it means to be truly free. Felicity falls in love with a beautiful horse named Penny. When she discovers that the owner is cruel, she is determined to find a way to save Penny.

## Insightful reviews

Elaine: This is my first American Girl book. I wanted E to read them to get a little taste of history, and unfortunately, I have to say I didn't like this one. Maybe the others are different, I hope so, because I love the concept. The problem I had with this book, was that this little girl essentially stole, lied, disobeyed direct instructions of her parents and a neighbor, and trespassed repeatedly, even after warnings and getting caught, and really faced no consequences for those actions except for a "You should not have done that." At least she didn't get a 'happy ending' with the horse after all that. I understand that she is a 'spunky, free-spirited, independent' girl, which seems like others who reviewed this enjoyed, being different from the typical proper girls in the other books (which I haven't read, so I don't know), but I think there's a clear line between independence and disobedience. I think they could have still kept her free-spirited nature while having her not so blatantly doing so many wrong things with no remorse (Like Laura Ingalls Wilder, she was a great spunky girl, but didn't purposely do wrong things. She struggled to do the right thing, and even if she did do something wrong, she acknowledged the wrongfulness and accepted the consequences). While her goal was noble (loving and connecting with a terrified horse), the end doesn't justify the means. E, on the other hand, did enjoy the book. I hope she doesn't get any ideas from it though. Maybe it's just the 'old mom' in me, but I couldn't enjoy this book.

Judy: I read these books years ago with my kids. The "Felicity" series is exceptionally well written (only Addy is better IMHO). Even my son enjoyed the books (when we went to Colonial Williamsburg and did the Felicity tour he knew all the answers to the guide's questions!). There's a great mix of history combined with the story of a brave young girl. For those who didn't like the "disobedience" aspect of the books, I say come ON! It's fiction. Use it as an opportunity to discuss with your child what Felicity might have been able to do differently to reach her goal. Everything she did was for the good of another, not for her own personal gain. Sometimes even parents can be wrong, lol.

Sarah Mckelvy: I remember reading The American Girl Series growing up. Overall, I have memories of these books making history alive, instead of school textbooks.

I read this to my 3 1/2 year old daughter. If I read a few pages at a time, it kept her attention, but if I read 5-7+ pages, she was on to something else. So it took a good week finishing it. But, I know she was listening to the story because she still refers to Felicity and the horse.

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K: As a e-book for 7-12 12 months outdated girls, i believe that this is often a superb begin to the Felicity books. because the name says, we meet Felicity, and extremely fast examine what kind of woman she is. Lissie, as her kinfolk calls her, is stubborn, impatient, and as a lot a tomboy as her relations and society will allow. She loves horses (and what lady did not a minimum of battle through a horse phase, whether or not they grew out of it or not?) and while she reveals that the depraved Jiggy Nye is abusing his, she resolves to take care of it. The illustrator merits unique point out here: the illustrations with Jiggy Nye in them are terrifying sufficient that I settle for him as a foul undesirable Guy, even supposing i locate his identify ridiculously silly. Felicity additionally seems safely terrified whilst he grabs her. The finishing is quite bittersweet: Felicity and the reader either recognize that she did the precise factor in environment Penny loose, however it hurts that once all her persistence and tough work, she does not get to maintain the pony she sought after so very much.

Ronit Delrahim: "Meet Felicity" is set a tender woman named Felicity who's excessive lively and impatient. The time surroundings is in 1774, in Williamsburg, Virginia sooner than the innovative war. Felicity loves horses and while anyone in her town, a merciless guy named Jiggy Nye will get a brand new horse she attempts to guard the pony from his abuse. Felicity could stopover at the pony Penny on a daily basis ahead of dawn. bit by bit Penny all started trusting Felicity and permitting her to journey on her. Jiggy Nye threatens Felicity that if she is noticeable with the pony yet one more time, then he's going to kill Penny. That evening Felicity is going to go to Penny and units her free. The meant age team is fundamental as the phrases are basic and understandable. younger ladies nowadays learn about American woman and those books can curiosity younger girls. additionally this booklet can train childrens approximately what lifestyles what lifestyles ahead of the progressive war. Many assorted components of paintings are used during the book. the colours utilized in this e-book levels from cool to warm. traces are proven in lots of of the pictures, for instance thick and skinny traces define Felicity's dress. The items utilized in the images appear like genuine making it representational art. the images within the e-book seem like it was once painted with watercolors. I could suggest this booklet to younger ladies who're drawn to American Girl. additionally this booklet might be beautiful to younger women simply because they've got a reference to an American lady doll. This e-book is taken into account a ancient fiction and this may train young ones what's used to be like decades ago.

Kate: Felicity was once my favourite American girl, simply because she cherished horses. those books are nice for younger ladies simply because they make background accessible, and that i locate the quick part on the finish of every e-book to be fairly info and interesting--kids in historical past category usually do not know about such things as the garments and desk manners and the dances of the times, which for me is usually extra fascinating than the wars that appear to be all that will get taught. Recently I watched the Felicity movie, and it was once rather well done, production-wise--I think it encompasses occasions from all 6 books within the series. expectantly those video clips won't deter young children from interpreting the books, simply because there's extra old info within the books than is integrated within the movies, and that i continually notion the illustrations have been very well performed as well.

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