



1300L *1776: America and Britain at War* MCCULLOUGH

But from this point on, the citizen-soldiers of Washington’s army were no longer to be fighting only for the defense of their country, or for their rightful liberties as freeborn Englishmen, as they had at Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill and through the long siege at Boston. It was now a proudly proclaimed, all-out war for an independent America, a new America, and thus a new day of freedom and equality. At his home in Newport, Nathanael Greene’s mentor, the Reverend Ezra Stiles, wrote in his diary almost in disbelief: Thus the Congress has tied a Gordian knot, which the Parl [iament] will find they can neither cut, nor untie. The thirteen united colonies now rise into an Independent Republic among the kingdoms, states, and empires on earth... And have I lived to see such an important and astonishing revolution?

900L *We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* NELSON

Rube ran his ball club like it was a major league team. Most Negro teams back then weren’t very well organized. Didn’t always have enough equipment or even matching uniforms. Most times they went from game to game scattered among different cars, or sometimes they’d even have to “hobo” — which means hitch a ride on the back of someone’s truck to get to the next town for a game. But not Rube’s team. They were always well equipped, with clean, new uniforms, bats, and balls. They rode to the games in fancy Pullman cars Rube rented and hitched to the back of the train. It was something to see that group of Negroes stepping out of the train, dressed in suits and hats. They were big-leaguers.

300L *Princess Posey and the Next-Door Dog* GREENE

“We have to stop now,” said Miss Lee. “It’s time for reading.” “Ohhh...” A disappointed sound went up around the circle. “Here’s what we’ll do.” Miss Lee stood up. “You are all very interested in dogs. So this week, you can write a story about your own dog or pet. Then you can read it to the class.” Everyone got excited again. Except Posey. She didn’t have a pet. Not a dog. Not a cat. Not a hamster. “Those of you who don’t have a pet,” Miss Lee said, “can write about the pet you hope to own someday.” Miss Lee had saved the day! Now Posey had something to write about, too. Posey told her mom about Luca’s puppy on the way home.

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