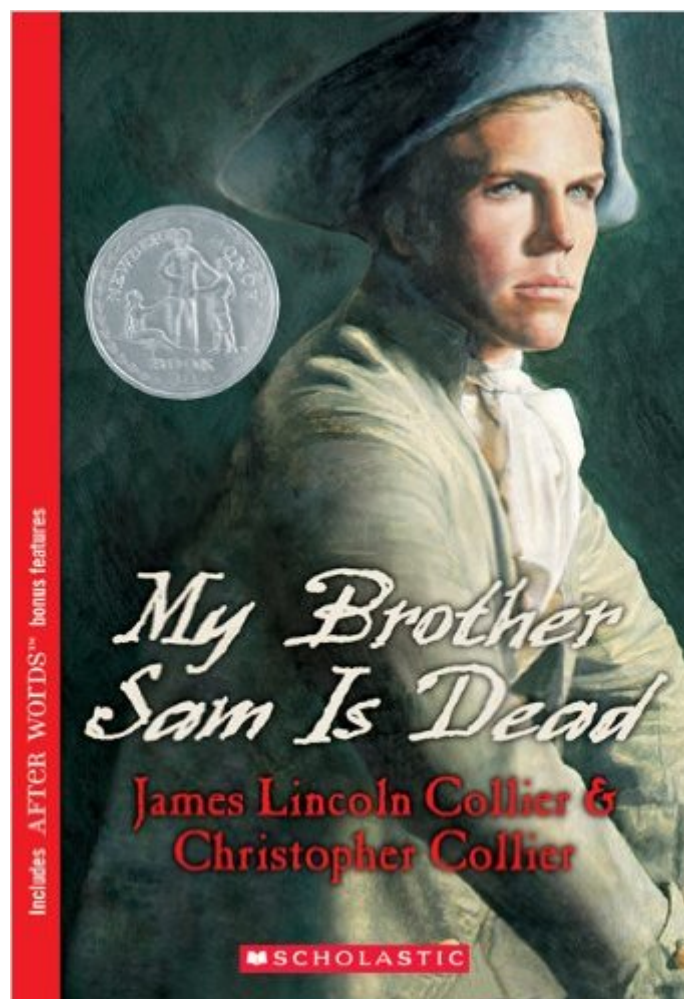


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My Brother Sam Is Dead



Synopsis

The classic story of one family torn apart by the Revolutionary War -- now with special After Words bonus features! All his life, Tim Meeker has looked up to his brother Sam. Sam's smart and brave -- and is now a part of the American Revolution. Not everyone in town wants to be a part of the rebellion. Most are supporters of the British -- including Tim and Sam's father. With the war soon raging, Tim know he'll have to make a choice -- between the Revolutionaries and the Redcoats . . . and between his brother and his father.

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Customer Reviews

In my 8th grade English class I had to read *My Brother Sam Is Dead* as a required historical fiction book. I read the book in class as well as out of class on my own time. *My Brother Sam Is Dead* takes place during the Revolutionary War in a little town called Redding. Tim, a teenager, is telling the reader his feelings of the war and how the war affected him. I think the author choose to tell the story through Tim because he was torn between being a Loyalist like his father or a Patriot like his older brother Sam. Tim's father doesn't think that his family should be involved in the war and Sam thinks it's his duty to fight for his country. Irony, was what made the book *My Brother Sam Is Dead* interesting. A good example is when Tim finds out his father had died on a British Jail Ship. This was unexpected because he was a Loyalist and he died on British Jail Ship. I expected him to die

on a Patriot Jail Ship. Once you read what happens, you like I didn't expect that to happen. The same thing happens to Sam at the end of the book, but in a different way. In *My Brother Sam Is Dead* there were three main conflicts. The conflicts were personal, political, and character. Tim was the character with the personal conflict. He was trying to decide whether to be a Patriot or a Loyalist. Tim knew his father had his reasons for being a Loyalist and so did his brother Sam. Tim wanted to be like his father, but also wanted to be like his brother Sam. The next big conflict was the political one. England and The Colonies were fighting over who got to run The Colonies. England thought they should get to run them because they had founded The Colonies.

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