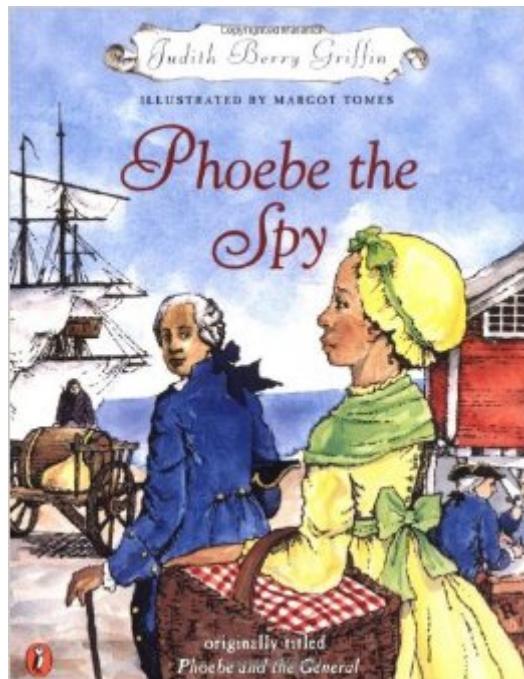


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# Phoebe The Spy



## Synopsis

Someone is planning to kill George Washington, and young Phoebe Fraunces is trying to save his life. Phoebe gets a job as George Washington's housekeeper, but her real job is to work as a spy. She listens and watches very carefully, and she meets her father every day to tell him what she has learned. One day Phoebe's father tells her that Washington is planning to leave town in a few days, and the person plotting against him will act before then. Phoebe is very frightened, but she is determined to figure out who is after Washington before it's too late. . . . "This episode drawn from the Revolutionary War is related with historical accuracy and suspense and illustrated with finesse."(School Library Journal)

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Excellent story for young people to understand this period in our history. Suggest ages 9 through 12 years old. Similar to Johnny Tremain, establishes examples for children to live up to for the rest of their lives. Will become a favorite with my family. Must be remembered that the book, as admitted by the author, is "essentially historically accurate."

I first read this book when I was in the fourth grade. I still like to read it. It's about a 13 year old girl in 1776 Manhattan who is given an assingment by her father, Samuel Fraunces, to help save George Washington's life. It's nice to read about an ordinary person affecting history.

I have used Phoebe The Spy in my 2nd and 3rd grade classes as a Read A Loud book. The students love the story, especially because it centers around a child saving George Washington's life. This is an excellent book to use as a story starter for writing projects.

A great book to include in a unit study or just read out loud to your children. It is filled with excitement and intrigue for children. There is a book two to Phoebe the Spy!

This was one of the first books my daughter was fascinated by in our history curriculum and it just so happens that I had chosen it to substitute something else. Best decision I made in substitution. It is a fantastic book based in real facts (though I'm not sure to what extent) that my daughter could engage in but also that helped her interact with history in a way that now she knows some of the challenges of the time, some information of the character of George Washington as well as the dynamic of the issue of slavery and race in the time period and a mature way of processing these issues in a way my 6 year old could begin to understand a complex concept.

This is an exciting and wonderful book, but the title character is not real. You can visit the Fraunces Tavern in NYC at Broad and Pearl Streets, and they will tell you that Sam never had a daughter named Phoebe. It is a great book to read, but they need to change the postscript in the back and let people know that the Fraunces family was not African-American, and Thomas Hickey was a traitor, not an assassin.

Phoebe the Spy is a great book. This is what happens: Phoebe's father asked Phoebe to be a spy and Phoebe said yes, she would do it. She was a brave girl. Phoebe is a wonderful spy. She helped save General Washington's life from Thomas Hickey. I like this book because it is a mystery book and I love mystery books.

Please do not represent this book as historical fact but as interesting fiction based around plots to kill Washington. We have enough trouble overcoming historical inaccuracies taught in school: wooden teeth, cherry tree, etc. There is currently no contemporary information to support the "Phoebe" story which changes greatly over time.

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