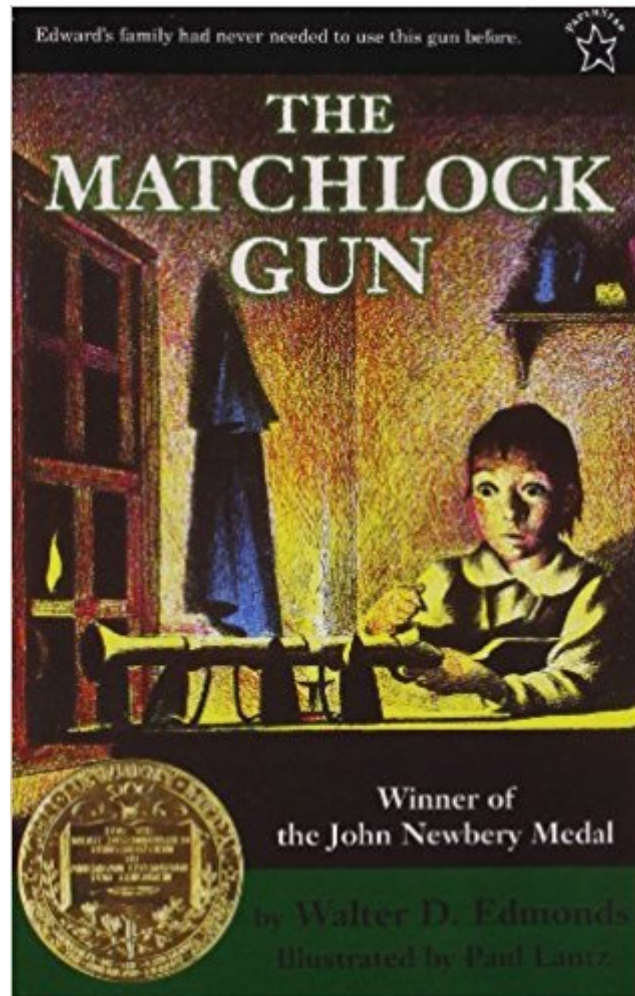




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The Matchlock Gun



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Synopsis

A Newbery Medal Winner In 1756, New York State was still a British colony, and the French and the Indians were constant threats to Edward and his family. When his father was called away to watch for a raid from the north, only Edward was left to protect Mama and little Trudy. His father had shown him how to use the huge matchlock gun, an old Spanish gun that was twice as long as he was, but would Edward be able to handle it if trouble actually came? This classic, first published in 1941, has an updated, kid-friendly format that includes the original black-and-white illustrations.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

Customer Reviews

Walter D. Edmonds was born in 1903 in New York state. His 1936 novel, *Drums Along the Mohawk*, was a bestseller for two years. His later works received major literary awards, including the National Book Award and the Newbery Medal. He died in 1998.

My 8 yr old needed a Newbery book to do a report on. He's not crazy about reading long boring books (who is?!). This was short and as he was reviewing the summaries, he really wanted to read this one. Once he started it, he found it so interesting he read it all at once! It was gripping, exciting, all things that kept his nose in it until he was done. It also gave us a chance to discuss the history of

Native Indians, and the history of early settlers... outside of the classroom. I'd recommend this book to any young person. He got an A+ on his report. woo hoo!

The Matchlock Gun is about a young boy who must defend his family with an antique matchlock gun during an Indian War. This book is filled with information about the early Dutch colonists of the Empire State and the firm faith they held and took with them to America. It is a totally realistic and moving story and a great read for children.

Even though the foreword gives away the ending, your family should still read the foreword. It explains that this is a true story, and talk about Trudy and Edward and their parents. Full of action and good illustrations, my family of boys listened wide-eyed with amazement as 10-year-old Edward fires the gun and saves his sister and mother from murder and fire. Old school.

Great book. I read this in 1949 while in 2nd grade. It still is an exciting book. I wonder what kids would do today in similar circumstances... Throw their cell phone at the perps?

I got the book, thinking of my grandson, having come into contact with Edmonds writings. What I got was a piece of History. It is Dutch oriented and historically fascinating but the best part is that I have a Dutch friend. I passed this little jewel on to her. She can easily read the dialog and sing the lullaby. It will go on to her daughter. It is a bit longer read for me, but the story line is fine.

This is a terrific book that celebrates our American history in an exciting way for children to enjoy. The story easily transports children of today into another era that was just as real as the age they now live in, yet they can relate to the suspenseful situation as if they were there. Quite educational.

I thought I was getting the larger addition with the nice artwork.. the book is fine but i should have read the description more closely and asked questions.

What wonderful insights were given to past generations of faithful people. It is an amazing true story of courage in a mom and son. Fiction could not have come up with it.

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