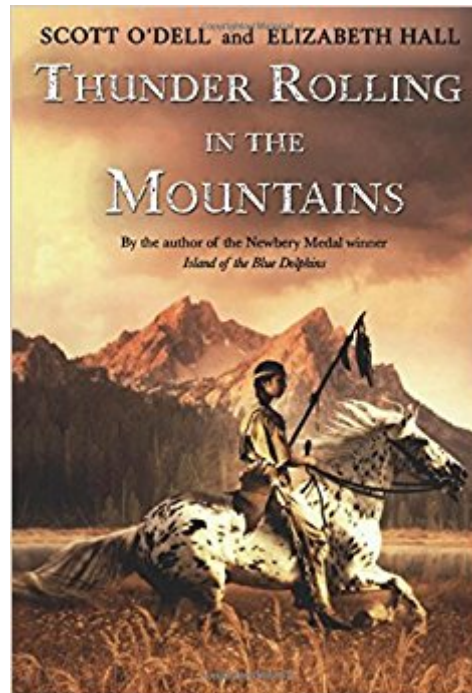




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# Thunder Rolling In The Mountains



## Synopsis

This powerful account of the tragic defeat of the Nez Perce Indians in 1877 by the United States Army is narrated by Chief Joseph's strong and brave daughter.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

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## Customer Reviews

At the request of the late Newbery medalist O'Dell ( *Island of the Blue Dolphins* ), his widow, Hall, collaborated on this story about Sound of Running Feet, the daughter of Chief Joseph of the Ne-mee-po, or Nez Perce Indians. Sound of Running Feet narrates the betrayal of her people, their flight, last battles and final surrender. In typical O'Dell fashion, the novel serves up a generous helping of historical fact and general information about the Ne-mee-po and their way of life. Unfortunately, a formal and reserved tone ("I had loved him for a long time, for as many moons as there were stars") keep the reader at arm's length from the characters, which in turn does little to amplify or personalize their plight. Readers may find that the novel's choicest parts are those trimmed closest to the factual bone--though topping Chief Joseph's "Hear me, my chiefs" speech will prove difficult, this work may encourage youngsters to sample some of its source material. Ages 10-14. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 5-8-- A poignant story as told by Sound of Running Feet, the daughter of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce people. In her clear, unflinching voice, she tells of the long, tearful, bloody trail that her people were forced to follow from their beloved home in Wallowa Valley, Oregon, to their final confrontation with the American soldiers at the Bear Paw Mountains in Montana. There, in now famous words, `` . . . From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever, ' ' Chief Joseph surrenders on behalf of his once proud warriors who are cold, surrounded, and outnumbered. As stated in the foreword written by O'Dell's wife, who finished the book after his death, many of the people, events, and even words used in the story are based on historical record. Other characters and events are fictionalized or composites. Most notable among them is Swan Necklace, who is initially a pacifist but who becomes enraged as he witnesses the oppression and injustice his people suffer at the hands of the soldiers. The story's effectiveness is weakened, however, by the unnecessary and sometimes jarring romance story line between Sound of Running Feet and Swan Necklace. Despite this flaw, this is an admirable final addition to O'Dell's legacy of powerful novels.

--Jane Marino, White Plains Public Library, NYC  
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I did not realize that this was a true story. I love these stories about the indians. I always learn so very much. This is a sad story but then most of the indian stories are. Quick and easy read. Great for all ages.

We used the immersion reading and read it as a family.. as I watched my family's faces I saw joy terror tears and relief show on all their faces my kids are 13 and 9 and my husband and I enjoyed it also.... we like to use the audio or immersion reading when we are on trips or in the vehicle for any amount of time...

Great

A gripping read, but very dark. Even gruesome at times. I read it with my 5th grader and was surprised at the level of graphic violence. True to the times though, and very enlightening at the same time.

My daughter's favorite book. she loved getting this.

This author takes historical people and events and creates a story to go along with it. My son, who is 12, loves this author so much we have purchased every book written by him. They have kept his attention, and he has reread several. My son's time and energy going into a book instead of an electronic device, can't ask for much more!

His books are always great. Good addition to Children's Literature class

Wonderful book. It came promptly.

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