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Caroline, like everyone else in Sackets Harbor, is waiting anxiously for the first supply boats of the year to arrive. Without supplies, the shipyards can't build boats to fight the British. When Caroline and her friends Rhonda and Seth go out fishing in Papa's skiff, they're excited to catch sight of a supply boat—until they realize that it's being chased by a British warship. Desperate to save the supply boat, Caroline comes up with a daring idea. Will her plan work? Or is it a dangerous and foolish risk? Caroline has no time to think—she can only plunge ahead.

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## **Samantha says**

Caroline bravely faces many difficult situations in this fourth book in the series. While out fishing with her friends, they spy the desperately awaited supply boat being tailed by a British ship. To help the supply boat make its way to shore without any trouble from the British, Caroline devises a plan to block the waterway, forcing the British ship to turn around. The plan works, but she has to sacrifice her beloved boat.

As if that wasn't enough adventure for one book, later Caroline finds her father, terribly ill, at the fishing camp. She nurses him back to health and together they walk back to Sacketts Harbor.

What I love most about this character is her quick thinking and her bravery. She is one of the best American Girl historical characters to date!

Recommended for girls grades 3-5.

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## **Becky Keir Grace says**

Spring is coming to Sackets Harbor, which also means the ice is melting and supply ships are coming. The shipyard desperately needs these supplies to continue to build ships for the war against the British. Caroline and her friends, Seth and Rhonda decide to go fishing in her father's skiff. While on the water they see Irish Jack coming with his supply ship, however, the British are chasing him! Caroline and her friends know how important this ship is to their community. But can a bunch of kids really take on the British?

This series is a lot of fun. Caroline is a quick thinking, brave girl. With each book I read, I am learning more and more about the War of 1812 and the time period. Seth was a mail carrier, and decides to enlist to fight the British. Caroline wants to take over his route. Mail traveled very slowly back then, and it opened my eyes to remember a time before email and instant contact. People waited months for news from their loved ones.

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## **Rachel says**

Although they weren't as engaging as some of the other American Girl books I have read, I generally liked the Caroline books. This one, Caroline Takes a Chance, annoyed me a bit however. Although I question the reality of a mother letting her 10-year-old daughter go out to deliver the mail while they are in the middle of a war by herself (the war of 1812), I admit it may just be my 20th century perspective. What really bothered me was the fact that after Caroline knows that she really should turn back and even gets chased by possible deserters she STILL continues to go to the cove where her and her father used to fish. I find that REALLY implausible.

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## **Kaylyn Bulthuis says**

I give this book 4 stars. Someone you likes adventures would find this book interesting.( You should read the first three books before you read this one.) Caroline first gives up something that was so special to her and next she realizes that she is lost in an adventure and finds something that she never excepted.

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## **Callie Stillion says**

Caroline has to put a hole in the boat her Papa made, and then she finds Papa. He is sick, and his leg is broken because he has to escape from the British, and he runs on the ice, trying to find his way out. Caroline helps him home and tell her Mom to help her. When Caroline comes home, her mother had been worried, because she said she would come right back. But her Mama is proud to see that she helped Papa home!

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## **Lindsay Collett says**

Childhood memory: None ... Okay, so this isn't technically one of the American Girl books I read as a kid. But, my memories of those I did enjoy keep me interested in checking in on the historical American Girl books as AG publishes them.

Revisited review: This was a great series, in a great setting. I wasn't sure what to expect, I thought the Caroline series would be boring and bland but I was pleasantly surprised. The War of 1812 time frame and key location setting really kept the stories engaging. The Christmastime story was the weakest of the series, just lacking some of the same excitement of the other stories. Though the titles (for the most part) don't follow the old AG method, the overall story arc felt familiar (in a good way).

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## **Carolyn says**

This is probably my favorite book in the series so far. I have but two left, and overall have enjoyed this cute, American Girl series about the Abbott family during the War of 1812.

The war has been going on for about a year now, and supplies are getting low. So it's important that supply carrier, Irish Jack (red hair? most certainly--Irish? but of course!) can bring his shipment into Sackets Harbor, where Caroline's family lives. Her father is still being held prisoner across the bay, by the British, but his ship-building employees are still working to build a new war ship for the US Navy.

With the help of Caroline's friends, Rhonda and Seth, they are able to thwart the British ship that is after the supply bateau, captained by Irish Jack. But there is still work ahead for Caroline. Her friend, Seth, is enlisting for the navy, and asks Caroline to take over his mail delivery route. Delivering the mail takes a whole days walk to complete. But Caroline eagerly takes on the task, having gone with Seth on a number of occasions, and knowing the paths through the forest.

The way home isn't as easy as Caroline thinks, but in the end, her wayward course off the path actually leads

to a happy ending. It wouldn't be an American Girl book if it wasn't!

Excited to read the last books.

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### **Megan says**

Actual rating: 3.5 stars

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### **Cali says**

I loved how Caroline was able to save the day like a true hero and she really is the best American Girl characters to love.

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### **Xyra says**

This one was great. No whining, a lot of stepping up to help and quick, but productive, thinking.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this part of Caroline's story. What starts out as a normal fishing trip leads to action and adventure. Caroline takes charge several times and her quick thinking successfully helps Sackett's Harbor and her family.

Caroline's character grew showing strength, courage, ambition, tenacity, and love. All good things. She wavered over her initial decision, but did not whine or storm off or act sullen.

So far this is my favorite of the series. I am looking forward to the final two in hopes they continue in this manner.

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### **E says**

The perfect amount of excitement, history, and emotion. Definitely the strongest in the series so far.

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### **Clara says**

It's always a good sign when books meant for people 10+ years younger than I am have major plot twists that I don't see coming, right?

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### **Caroline Herfindahl says**

My 7-year-old daughter and I have been reading the series together and this has been the most suspenseful and action/adventure packed book in the series so far. My daughter was a bit frightened for Caroline so she wasn't sure in Chapter 4 if she wanted to finish the book last night or not but in the end her curiosity and need to know what happens won out. Can't wait to see what is in store for Caroline in the next installment of the series.

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### **Danae says**

This one kind of bugged me. I understand Caroline continuing on her mail delivery route despite the danger because she felt responsible for it, but taking the detour to visit the fishing spot was foolish. Obviously, there was a need for that in the plot, but I feel like it could have been managed without it being such a stupid decision. Maybe she could have gone there because she felt like it was safe?

Otherwise, though, I enjoyed the story.

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### **Valerie says**

Seth, Rhonda and Caroline go fishing--they spot Irish Jack's ship with supplies being chased by the British. In order to slow down/stop the British, Caroline gets an idea to sink their skiff, the Sparrow to block the waterway. They do, and the British turn around.

At this point Seth decides that he wants to enlist in the Navy. Caroline takes over the remainder of Seth's post walker duties around Sacketts Harbor. When she finishes, she realizes she's close to the fishing camp that her father used to take her to. He's still a prisoner of the British, and Caroline is missing him, so she decides to take a "detour" out of her way to visit the camp.

When she gets there, a man is hidden in the lean-to that her father has constructed. He's moaning with fever. It's father! She makes him willow bark tea and some fish soup out of the lunch she had leftover.

When father is feeling better, she helps him limp most of the way home (with the help of a makeshift crutch that breaks). On the way, she meets up with mother and the three of them walk home together.

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