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Caroline and Mama make a dangerous trip across Lake Ontario to the British fort where Papa is a prisoner. When Mama isn't allowed to see Papa, it's up to Caroline to pass a secret message to him—right under the nose of a British guard. Caroline hopes desperately that Papa will be able to use the information to escape. But can she get the message to him? And even if she does, will Papa understand it? When Caroline and Mama return home, all they can do is wait and hope. On Caroline's birthday, an unexpected gift lifts her heart.

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From Reader Review Caroline's Secret Message for online ebook

Carolyn says

Definitely a cute series--most American Girl stories are. You don't even realize that it is historical as well.

In this book, Caroline's family finds out that her father, who was taken by the British because he is a ship builder, may be transported further away from them. Caroline and her mother have a chance to see him and somehow get a secret message to him that he must escape.

The war of 1812 was a war neither side really wanted to fight. I'm not quite sure how it did end, but I'm hoping I will find out in this series! Caroline's family also takes in a boarding family of a mother and daughter while whose father is fighting for the American's. Caroline also celebrates her birthday at the end of the book, receiving a special present from her father, from an unlikely accomplice who delivers it.

Can't wait to find out what will happen next!

paperdollmom says

I really adored this book. It is one of the historical American Girl books, about a young girl named Caroline, during the war of 1812. This story is specifically about Caroline and her family being worried about her father, who is being held prisoner by the British. Though the story revolves around tragedy and hardships of war, it is also about friendship, family, and what it means to be strong.

Xyra says

This is an interesting look at how it was for some prisoners in the war of 1812. Apparently, one could petition the commander for release. A neat idea.

This portion of Caroline's story is exciting. she and her mother journey into Canada to try and get her father released from the British prison. Along the way they learn just how dangerous Canada now is for Americans. Caroline figures out a way to get this information to her father if he should be able to escape.

In the meantime, back home an Army family has found lodging with the Abbots. It was interesting to see the family unit adjust to wartime needs. It changed again when Caroline's aunt, uncle, and cousin arrived. A house full of caring people to celebrate Caroline's tenth birthday with a surprise package.

I liked this one. It was solid and interesting.

Whitney (Shooting Stars Reviews) says

Reviewed by Whitney@Shooting Stars Reviews

This story begins with Caroline's father still being captured by the British. Winter is coming soon, and it's

getting harder to work around the garden, and in the shipyard, but Caroline must help out around the house because it's what her father asked of her.

However, one day they get a huge surprise, but it didn't include her father. So, now she and her mother have decided to go try to get him from the British. But, it may not turn out as well as they thought it would.

This was my favorite so far in this series! I adore Caroline, and I felt so bad for her during this story. She's such a strong and brave little girl who must grow up too quickly because of everything that has happened with her father. And when she does more courageous and brave things to help save her father it made me really admire her.

I loved this book, and I can't wait to read more about Caroline!

Danae says

A good continuation of the Caroline series.

Amelia says

If you've enjoyed previous installments in the American Girl series, you'll enjoy this one. Caroline is involved in getting a message to her father, who has been unfairly arrested by the British-Canadians during the start of the War of 1812. Additionally, Caroline must deal with a family boarding in her house, including a girl her age named Rhonda who is also missing her absent father while he serves in the army.

Full review can be found here: [http://challengingthebookworm.wordpre...](http://challengingthebookworm.wordpress...)

Amara Tanith says

In *Caroline's Secret Message*, Caroline Abbot is preparing for a what's expected to be a long, hard winter, and after an entire summer has passed, her father is still being held captive by the British. As she struggles to come to terms with the fact that he's probably going to miss her tenth birthday and might even be gone for *years*, she and her mother devise a plan to help him get back to America.

The second book in the *American Girls: Caroline* series, *Caroline's Secret Message* is a worthwhile read for fans of children's historical fiction and the *American Girls* franchise; unlike many war-related books, it endeavors to present the individuals on both sides as humans capable of sympathy and kindness. And, via Caroline's relationship with her captive father, it presents the emotions a child must struggle with when their parent or other close relative is separated from them by a war--something with which many children in the target age group can sympathize.

Like all of the *American Girls* books, I recommend it to young readers and their parents interested in historical fiction or the War of 1812, as well as fans of children's literature and/or the *American Girls* franchise.

(view spoiler)

Meghan says

Since this is the second book in the series I did not like how it featured her birthday.

Asuka0278 says

We were not disappointed with this one. I think the American Girl writers do a nice job with creating stories to go with their dolls. My daughter received CAroline for Christmas this year and is just in love with her and her stories.

Clara says

3.5 stars. Very clever! I had a hard time believing a couple of the plot points, but that didn't stop me from enjoying the book.

Elizabeth says

I Love Caroline's books!

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).

Angela says

This is the second book of American Girl's Caroline series, during the war of 1812. This time, Caroline meets new people, the Hathaways, of whom she will have to learn to get along with (and not be jealous of).

She also goes with her mother to visit her father, who is being held prisoner in Canada by British soldiers.

Caroline Herfindahl says

Finally getting around to reading the rest of Caroline's series with my 7 year old (who owns Caroline). She is almost ready to read them in her own but not quite so I've read a lot of the book to her. I enjoy the stories and the history we are learning but they are written for young readers which sometimes makes the dialogue a little stilted from my adult view. However they are well written for their intended audience and within American Girls parameters and mission. A great character and role model for girls!

Gabrielle says

great mystery

Becky Keir Grace says

Caroline's Secret Message picks up right after Meet Caroline. The family is preparing for the winter, and Caroline's father is still held captive by the British. The family is shocked when Oliver returns to them,. Explaining he was taken to the American border and dropped off on shore, miles from home. It took him months to return to Sacket's Harbor. He said Caroline's father was taken elsewhere, being held for his ability to build ships. It is decided that Caroline's mother will cross the lake and go into Upper Canada in hopes they will release her husband. So she does not go alone, it is agreed that Caroline with go with her.

Before leaving a family comes into town, looking for a place to board. The Hathaways are from Albany, and Mr. Hathaway is an Army Officer. His family has been traveling with him, but needed a place to stay. Sometimes they sleep in a tent, others night they found a family that would let them stay for a bit. The Abbotts agree to allow them to board. Rhonda Hathaway is twelve years old and dresses fancy. Caroline is jealous of her. She had nice things and still has her father, and this causes tension to build between the two girls.

These books are quick reads, but I love how much is packed into a short book. We learn more about the War of 1812, and how neither side really wanted it. In times of war people turn ugly. Friends become enemies, but also Caroline experiences kindness from an "enemy."

Caroline uses her wits to help get a message to her father in hopes he can escape. Keep in mind this girl is only nine years old. I think Caroline is a strong character and look forward to the next book in the series.

Heather says

O is really enjoying this series. She has done a little bit of sewing so she found the map Caroline made very intriguing. I just wish the books weren't so short. The whole set could have been a book and a half rather

than five short ones.

Miri says

Caroline's father is still imprisoned by British soldiers, she and her mother plan a trip to the fort where he is being held, hoping to help free him, when that proves to be impossible Caroline comes up with a way to pass a message to her father to help aid in his escape!

Bella says

I love this book. It is my favorite one in the series. I love Caroline because she is an adventurous girl and she seems so fun. I love that she is really devoted to do something important. I feel really bad for Papa because he is a prisoner and can't see his wife. In my opinion I think the British did something to Papa's memory. I would recommend reading Meet Caroline the first book in the series. and plus she isn't an American Girl anymore so you can't buy the book any ware.

Kristine Hansen says

Caroline continues to inspire with her cleverness with a needle and the bravery she shows in taking a message to her father. The emotions are real and believable as she struggles with jealousy over a girl who comes to stay at her house.
