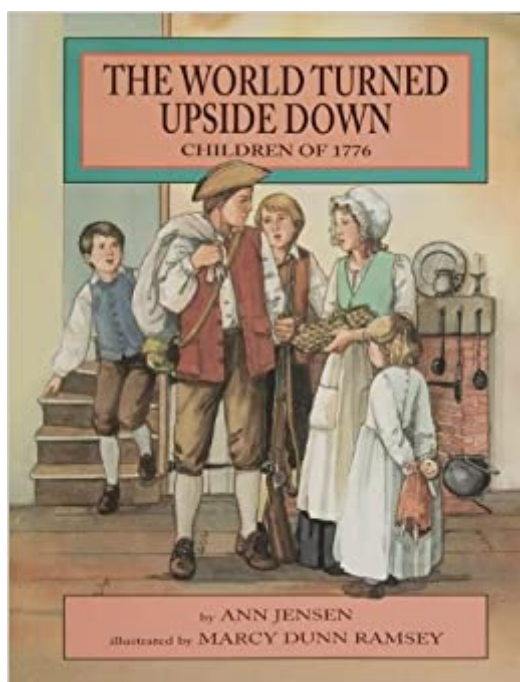


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# The World Turned Upside Down: Children Of 1776



## Synopsis

The American Revolution brought years of turmoil to Maryland and its capital city. This story of a family who lived in Annapolis during that period of the nation's history shows the times that turned their world upside down. From the burning of the ship Peggy Stewart during the Annapolis "tea party," to the war's end, the five Sands children and their parents were a part of events that created a new nation. Their story takes readers into the world of 1776 to experience something of what life was like during the Revolutionary War. Ordinary Marylanders played a vital role in winning independence. Many, like twenty-year-old Will Sands, joined the Continental Army. He was among the Maryland men whose brave stand at the Battle of Long Island enabled the rest of the army to continue the fight for independence. Today, Maryland is called the "Old Line State" in their honor. This new and revised edition of *The World Turned Upside Down* is written especially for fourth and fifth graders, but can be enjoyed by brothers, sisters, teachers, parents, and grandparents too. It includes a glossary, maps, and historical background material. Grades 4 to 8

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This is an excellent story for 4th graders on up. Even adults would enjoy reading this tale of Annapolis during the Revolution. It begins with the arrival of the ship 'Peggy Stewart' carrying tea. Citizens of Annapolis are up in arms, literally regarding this taxed cargo. The story is based on actual facts. The storyline is based around the young people but also covers the actions of the adults also. There are line drawings for illustrations. There is some information about the actual Sands family, a glossary and a page and map concerning Annapolis in 1776. It would have been nice to

have drawings of more of the buildings that were there at the time, especially the newly completed State House which still stands. One curious anomaly is that the text states in the story the family walked to St Anne's for church, but then in the information about Annapolis it states the church was in ruins, but never what happened. Still this is an exceptional book for those who would like to learn more about the American Revolution and especially about Annapolis.

The years of the American Revolution were a time of turmoil in the colonial state of Maryland in general, and Annapolis, its capital city, in particular. *The World Turned Upside Down: Children Of 1776* is the story of one family who actually lived during this tumultuous time when it seemed that their comfortably little world was turned upside down. From the Annapolis "tea party" and the burning of the ship "Peggy Stewart", to the war's end, the five Sands children and their parents were witness and participants to events resulting in the creation of the United States of America. Very highly recommended for family, school, and community library collections, *The World Turned Upside Down* is quite expertly written by Ann Jensen for young readers in the fourth and fifth grades, with her lively and historically accurate text being superbly enhanced with the artwork of Marcy Dunn Ramsey, a section of notes, an extensive glossary, and a detailed index.

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