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Courageous Kate



Synopsis

Kate Moore Barry served as a scout and a spy and is credited with helping Gen. Daniel Morgan defeat the British at the Battle of Cowpens, a turning point in the war for independence. The author weaves together history, folklore and fiction to create a memorable story about three generations of Scots-Irish settlers who built a life in the wilderness of the South Carolina Upcountry during the 1700s. Illustrated by John Ingle, *Courageous Kate* tells riveting stories of Kate's encounters with cruel Tories and of the day she tied her youngest child to a bedpost so she could ride out to alert Patriot militiamen about gunfire at her parents' nearby home.

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Customer Reviews

Spartanburg native and fiction writer Sheila Ingle is a graduate of Converse College and an adjunct instructor at USC Upstate, where she teaches both English and education. *Courageous Kate* is her first book. Ingle has been recognized by the South Carolina Society of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution with the organization's 2007 Historic Preservation Award. This award recognizes individuals with exceptional contributions to historic preservation.

I read this book during story-time to our first through third graders in our homeschool co-op and the kids thoroughly enjoyed it. We were studying the American Revolution and this book really gave them a feel for what life was like for the people of the time. Kate Moore Barry was a real person in South Carolina (you can visit her home at Walnut Grove Plantation). The book tells the story of the Scots-Irish settlers who built the upcountry of South Carolina and the brave and heroic acts of Kate

during the Revolution. I think the book is targeted for about age 9 to young adult, but even the younger kids loved it and couldn't wait to hear it everyday. It is well-written for a variety of ages to enjoy. I found this when I googled Walnut Grove Plantation: "1767 - Margaret Kathryn Moore (Kate), the first child of Charles and Mary Moore, married General Andrew Barry at the age of 15. During the Revolutionary War Kate helped her husband by spying on Tory troops, chasing them away from her home, and gathering men to help her husband fight. She was considered quite a heroine." So that is the basis of the book, but it opens even earlier when the family is just moving to the upcountry.

I might be a bit prejudiced -- the subject of this book, Margaret Catherine Moore Barry -- was my sixth great-grandmother. But even for those who are NOT her descendants, this is the amazing story of, as the title clearly states, a very courageous woman. If anyone wanted to make a modern-day film about a truly clever and courageous woman, this would be the place to start. You'll find yourself cheering for her! I supposed one might say "Bravery didn't ALWAYS just wear pants!" Sheila Ingle has done a wonderful job of bringing to life this amazing woman.

Of course I love Courageous Kate! She's my husband's 5th great grandmother.

Historical fiction, jumps around a bit but entertaining. Courageous Kate chronicles role played by Kate Barry in the Revolutionary War at the battle of Cowpens in South Carolina. Kate Barry was the Southern Paul Revere. In addition, the book gives insight into the day to day lives of the Scots-Irish who settled pre revolutionary South in the 18th century.

I am a descendant of Kate Moore Barry so found this interesting. Will pass along to my family for reading.

Bought it for my nieces.

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