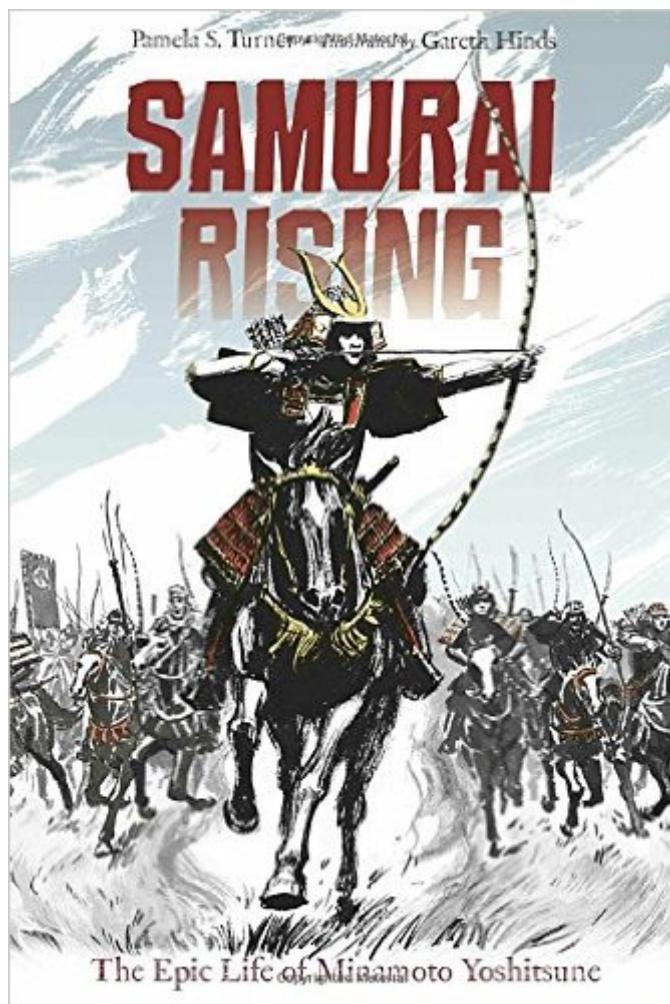


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Samurai Rising: The Epic Life Of Minamoto Yoshitsune



Synopsis

Minamoto Yoshitsune should not have been a samurai. But his story is legend in this real-life saga. This epic warrior tale reads like a novel, but this is the true story of the greatest samurai in Japanese history. When Yoshitsune was just a baby, his father went to war with a rival samurai family and lost. His father was killed, his mother captured, and his surviving half-brother banished. Yoshitsune was sent away to live in a monastery. Skinny, small, and unskilled in the warrior arts, he nevertheless escaped and learned the ways of the samurai. When the time came for the Minamoto clan to rise up against their enemies, Yoshitsune answered the call. His daring feats and impossible bravery earned him immortality.

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Customer Reviews

When you read enough childrenâ™s books published in a single year, folks tend to believe that youâ™ve an ability to spot trends in the general literature. Trend-spotting is easy enough when youâ™re dealing with picture books (hot in 2016: Bears rampaging through picnics and blobfish!) but books written for older readers are trickier. I think Iâ™ve hit on at least one incredibly popular trend for the current year, however: Overwhelming depression and sadness. Whether itâ™s baby foxes are getting their legs blown off in landmines, dads being deadbeat, or girls falling down wells, 2016 is officially The Year of the Hankie. So you can imagine the glee with which I devoured

âœSamurai Risingâ•. âœA samurai fights for honor and survival in a real-life Game of Thrones,â• reads the blurb for the book (minus the torture and nudity, of course). In producing a fantastic look at the true story behind Japanâ™s most famous samurai, Turner doesnâ™t just cheer up an otherwise depressed literary year. She highlights a figure too long ignored in America. Say goodbye to boredom. Say hello to crazy-eyed heroics and an anti-hero for the young masses. On the bookâ™s title page is written a small alert. âœWARNING: Very few people in this story die of natural causes.â• No lie, just fact. This is the story of Minamoto Yoshitsune. A boy who âœcould not yet walk when his father left him a lost war, a shattered family, and a bitter enemy.â• Yoshitsuneâ™s father (not the brightest samurai of all time) throws away his familyâ™s comfortable existence protecting Japanâ™s Retired Emperor when he decides to kidnap the guy instead. Swiftly defeated by his rival Taira Kiyomori, the man's son, little Yoshitsune, is spared but eventually sent to train as a monk.

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