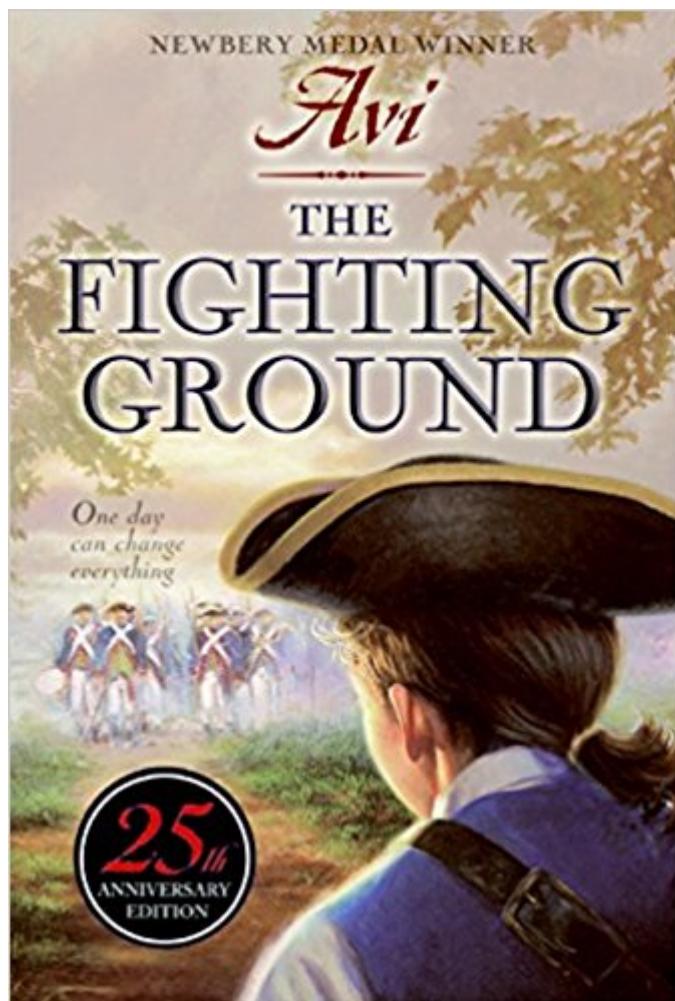


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# The Fighting Ground



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Scott O'Dell Award for Best Historical Fiction \* ALA Notable Book \* ALA Best Books for YANewbery Medal-winning author Avi tells the compelling story of a young boy's first encounter with war and how it changes him. Publishers Weekly Jonathan may be only thirteen years old, but with the Revolutionary War unfolding around him, he's more certain than ever that he wants to be a part of it—to fight for independence alongside his brother and cousin to defeat the British. But Jonathan's father, himself wounded from battle, refuses to let his son join the front lines. When Jonathan hears the tavern bell toll, calling all soldiers to arms, he rushes to enlist without telling his dad. Gun in hand, Jonathan falls in with a militia and marches onward to the fighting ground. It feels like he's been waiting his whole life for this moment. But no amount of daydreaming could prepare Jonathan for what he encounters. In just twenty-four hours, his life will be forever changed—by his fellow soldiers, unsuspecting enemies, and the frightening and complicated realities of war. More than thirty years after its publication, award-winner *The Fighting Ground* continues to be an important work of historical fiction for young readers.

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The compelling story of a young boy's first encounter with war and how it changes him. Ages 9-up.

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"At thirteen, Jonathan dreams of fighting in the American Revolution. Almost by accident, he is

recruited into a fighting unit and experiences the reality of war, including being taken prisoner and coming to grips with his feelings about shooting to kill." -- "SLJ." "Convincingly portrays Jonathan's passage from naive boy to young man." -- "H."

This is the first book my boy read that has a "sad" ending. That is reality for you! But he really really enjoyed it, and even though it was assigned school work, he read it for fun and was done a week before it was due!

Just started reading this book with my 5th grade class today. They are so excited to be touching brand new books. Each book is crisp and new. So cool!

Great book. Exactly what my grandson needed.

Just as expected. Thank you!

This book jumps right into the fire, literally. All action. The realities and complexities of war are revealed through this tale. War is indeed hell, but not just for "our side". A fast read and an important work.

Appropriate for middle shcool readers. Good historical value.

When I taught fifth grade this was one of my students' favorite books. It has a marvelous concept (the whole story takes place in 24 hours) and the tension builds to an incredible climax. Avi has won many awards for writing and deservedly so. This book initiates excellent discussions about the incredible conflicting emotions attached to any war. A great model for descriptive writing as well.

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