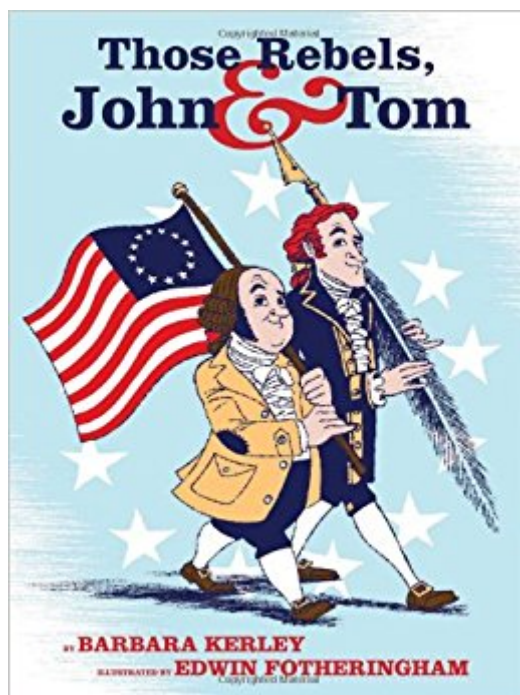


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# Those Rebels, John And Tom



## Synopsis

A brilliant portrait of two American heroes from the award-winning creators of *The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy)*! John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were very different. John Adams was short and stout. Thomas Jefferson was tall and lean. John was argumentative and blunt. Tom was soft-spoken and polite. John sometimes got along with almost no one. Tom got along with just about everyone. But these two very different gentlemen did have two things in common: They both cared deeply about the American colonies, and neither cared much for the British tyrant, King George. With their signature wit, impeccable research, and inventive presentation style, award winners Barbara Kerley and Edwin Fotheringham masterfully blend biography and history to create a brilliant portrait of two American heroes who bravely set aside their differences to join forces in the fight for our country's freedom.

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Barbara Kerley's award-winning biographies — including WHAT TO DO ABOUT ALICE? and THE EXTRAORDINARY MARK TWAIN (ACCORDING TO SUSY), both illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham, and THE DINOSAURS OF WATERHOUSE HAWKINS and WALT WHITMAN: WORDS FOR AMERICA, both illustrated by Brian Selznick — are consistently praised for their lively prose, meticulous research, and artistic presentation style. Kerley lives in Portland, Oregon. You can visit her online at [www.barbarakerley.com](http://www.barbarakerley.com). Edwin Fotheringham has illustrated several notable picture books, including Barbara Kerley's WHAT TO DO ABOUT ALICE?, a Sibert Honor Book and a Boston Globe/Horn Book Award Honor Book, and THE EXTRAORDINARY MARK TWAIN (ACCORDING TO SUSY), a New York Public Library Best Children's Book. Edwin lives in Seattle, Washington. You can visit him online at [www.edfotheringham.com](http://www.edfotheringham.com).

I found this book delightful in both pictures and words. I enjoyed how Kerley presents both main characters side by side and then merges them together after they met. This technique allows the reader to see just how different John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were as well as the commonalities that brought them together. Fotheringham does a fantastic job with the illustrations. The cartoonish nature of the illustrations adds humor and emotional expression. I especially liked the maps that showed the connections and distance between Great Britain and the colonies. I appreciated the appropriately placed quotes from both Adams and Jefferson. Overall, I'd say this is a great book for introducing the people and events that lead to the creation of the United States of America.

I'm biased being a huge Revolutionary War dork, but this was a great, accurate, picture book about two very interesting friends. The text is fun to read with good information, and the pictures add to the

depth of the story. This book gives John Adams his due for his role in the revolution, and does not make Thomas Jefferson out to be more than the man he was. Great book for a mini-lesson in the classroom, or just fun to read with your child.

This book is an excellent introduction to two of our most important "Founding Fathers". From it youngsters ....and their elders who read or discuss the book with them ...will learn that these men were real people, and not just historical figures. More importantly, also learned is that they were gentlemen. When they disagreed (which was often) they chose ways to disagree which were civil. The country, and the world, could learn much from them today. Recommended!

This is my favorite book I have for my grandson. It tells the story of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson and the differences they had but how they were great friends when they died. Great history book for kids.

A wonderful book about a real person, perfect for elementary students.

Clever great way to get kids attention about our founders

This is going to be a great addition to our library and history books. The first reading my boys loved it!

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