

Blue's March

An Overmountain Men Tale



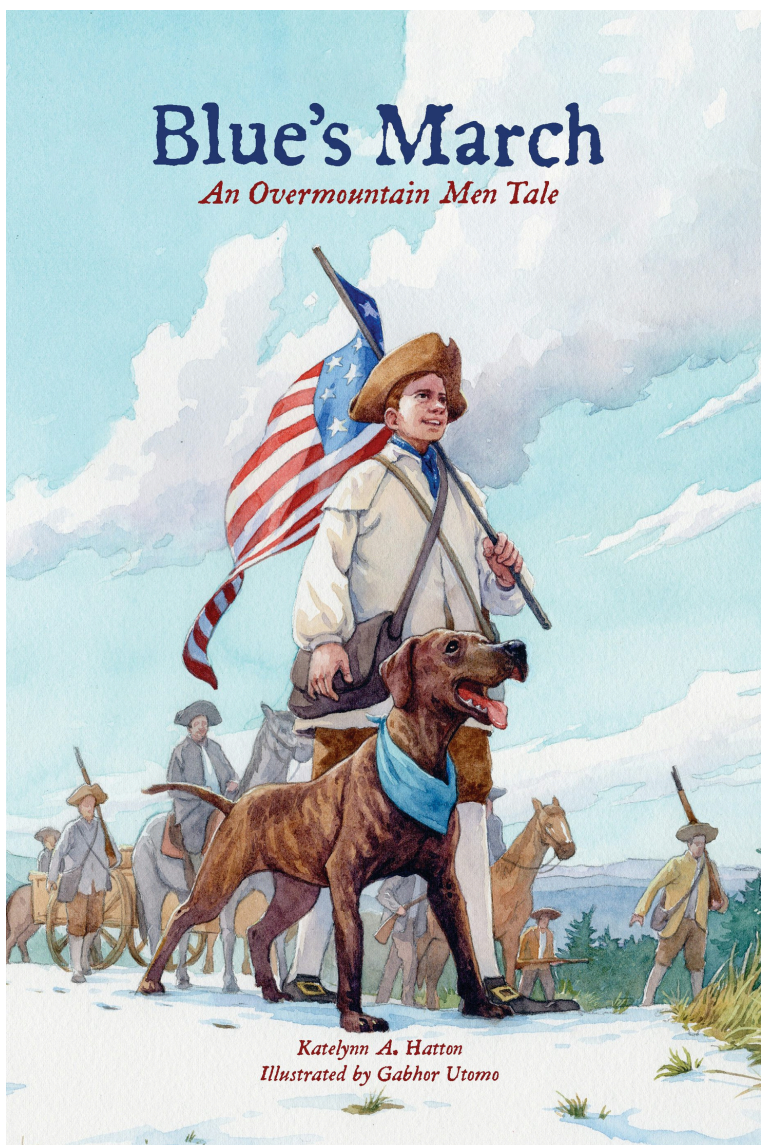
The History Behind *Blue's March*

Inspired by the true story of the Overmountain Men

During the American Revolution, fighting spread across all thirteen colonies. By 1780, many **Patriots** (American colonists who supported Independence) in the Carolinas worried that **British soldiers** and **Loyalists** (American colonists who supported the British) would take over their land and homes.

In fall of 1780, Patriots from Virginia, North Carolina, and what is now Tennessee traveled east across the Blue Ridge Mountains to face Loyalist forces at the **Battle of Kings Mountain**, and secured victory in the battle. Many believe this win changed the course of the Revolutionary War.

These Patriots became known as the **Overmountain Men** because they crossed the mountains to answer the call to fight. They were determined to protect the Carolinas and defend the cause of American independence.



Did you know?

Blue is based on a Plott Hound, which is the State Dog of North Carolina!

While a fictionalized (made up) character in the book, Blue the dog is based on the only officially recognized breed of dog developed in North Carolina. Johannes Plott brought an earlier breed of dogs to America in 1750. It was here in North Carolina that his family bred them into the Plott Hounds we know today.

The inclusion of Blue makes this tale more accessible and approachable for all ages.



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