

Most boys and girls in Grade 5 can
read this book themselves.
Those in Grades 4 to 9 will find it
interesting.

BETSY ROSS AND THE FLAG

by JANE MAYER *p*

When twelve-year-old Betsy Griscom expressed the hope that she might do something worth-while when she grew up, she little realized what an important contribution she would make to the country of which she was so proud.

Much was happening in the 1770's while Betsy was growing to womanhood—tremendous events which led to the thirteen Colonies declaring themselves independent states. Betsy's patriotism never faltered, not even when her husband, John Ross, was killed while guarding supplies and ammunition.

Then came the memorable day when General George Washington called on Betsy Ross with a sketch of a flag which he commissioned her to make. How this flag became a part of our heritage and how its influence grew through the years makes an absorbing and dramatic story.

In this account of one of the stirring periods in our history there is a richness of detail which brings to life the people in Philadelphia when the Continental Congress met there to shape colonial policy.

Included in the book are the civilian regulations for flag etiquette established by Congress.

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