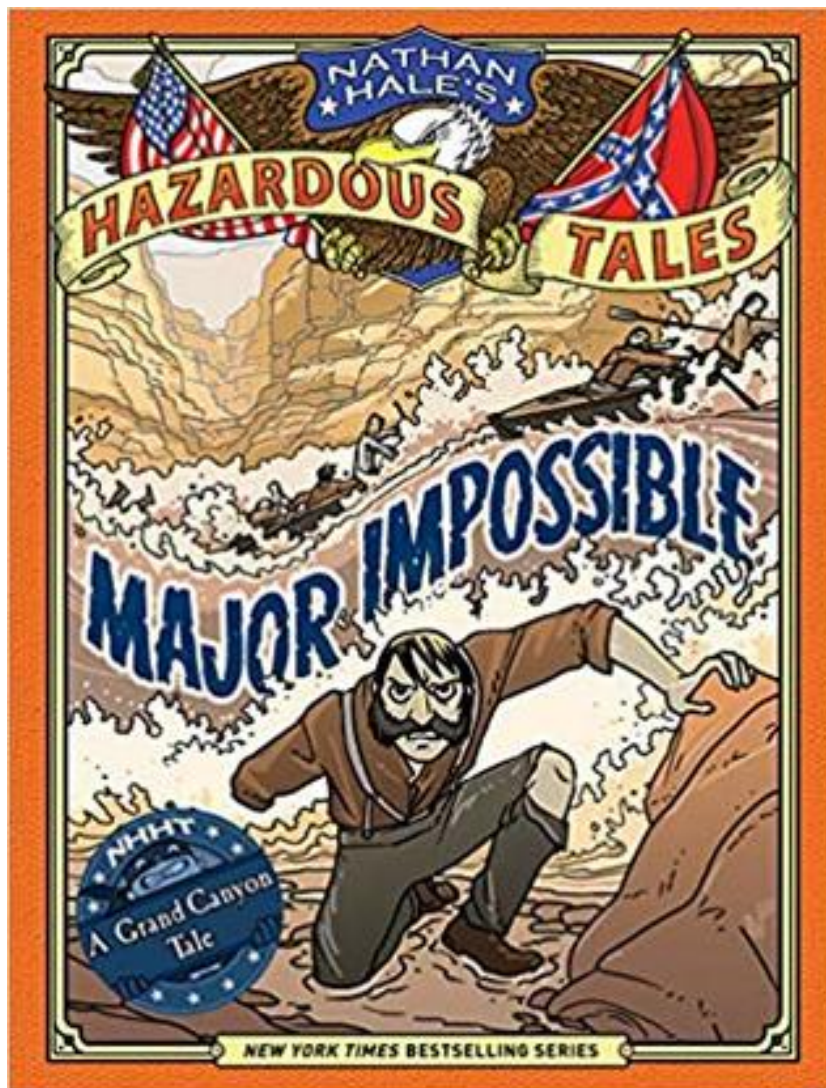


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Mary Thomas

Another great Nathan Hale book. The amputation scene had my stomach in knots! Now I want to go visit the Grand Canyon.

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This might be my new favorite book in the series! Though I was not ready to get that amount of detail about Civil War battlefield amputations in a children's comic, let alone find out that even cartoony drawings of amputations would make my stomach turn. I can't wait to take this one out for booktalks!

Also, I kind of want to go to the Grand Canyon now. How have I never been?

Quinn McKeever

This is a historical graphic novel covering Major John Powell. He goes on an expedition into the Grand Canyon by the river. It also has flashbacks to when he was in the Civil War. There are also narrators to help move the book along, and add jokes too. Overall this was a good book. It was funny, suspenseful, historical, and had lots of action. I recommend it.

Becky B

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Notes on content: I think there were just 1 or 2 minor swear words in quotes. No sexual content. There's an amputation shown (clinical surgical procedure steps, not super duper gory but also not for the squeamish). Massive casualties of the Civil War discussed, some shown (but not gorily). The seriousness is mostly conveyed through psychological impact on those who survived and stats of how many didn't survive. No deaths during the exploration. A possible murder of explorers after they left the expedition does come up and other past murders by a settlement possibly responsible is mentioned.