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People in the Book

14

Tim Meeker
14 years old - Narrator

Sam Meeker
Tim's Older Brother

Father

Mother

Mr. Heron
Rich person who is loyal to both sides

Betty Read
Sam's Girlfriend

Adapted from the book My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
It is 1775 and the United States is involved in the Revolutionary War with England.

The Revolutionary War lasted from 1775 to 1783. It was a time when many battles were fought. The British Colonists who were living in America wanted to be free from British rule. The British wanted to rule the colonists.

The colonists finally won their independence and began the country we call the United States of America.

Adapted from the book My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
Chapters 1, 2, and 3

The Meeker Family own a tavern in Connecticut.

Sam Meeker has been away at college.

He comes home in the spring of 1775 and tells his family, who support England, that he wants to join the Rebel Army and fight against England to free the United States from their rules.

Adapted from the book *My Brother Sam is Dead* by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
Sam's family is upset.

Sam's brother Tim is proud of his brother for joining.

Sam tells Tim that he plans to steal his father's gun so he can go fight in the war.

Adapted from the book My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
Sam and his father have a fight about the war.

Sam runs away from home.

Tim knows Sam is hiding in a hut and goes to see Sam to try and talk him out of going to fight the war.

Sam's girlfriend, Betty, is at the hideout and asks...
Tim if he likes England or the United States.

Tim cannot decide.

Sam leaves for the war and is away for many months.

Betty tells Tim that Sam has come back.

Adapted from the book My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
Tim visits Sam when the Rebel Army attacks their house and demand their father's gun, which Sam has.

Tim tries to steal the gun from Sam but can't.

Sam and Tim return to their family's home and find their parents are safe.
Mr. Heron stops by the tavern and asks Tim to deliver some letters for him.

Tim's father says no.

Tim sneaks away and delivers them anyway. Betsy sees Tim and tries to get the letters from him because she thinks Mr. Heron is a spy and trying to get Sam into trouble.

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Betsy looks at the letters and they are not about Sam.
Tim spends that summer working at the tavern.

In November his father decides to take Tim on a trading journey. It is Tim's first visit away from home and he gets to meet his cousins.

Adapted from the book My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
On the trip, they are stopped by cowboys, who are part of the Rebel Army.

The cowboys try to fight with them.

Tim and his father move on.

On the way back, the cowboys kidnap Tim's father.

Tim has to bring the wagon full of supplies back home alone.

Adapted from the book My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
Chapters 10, 11, & 12

This makes Tim grow up fast and he takes over the tavern.

Tim hopes to impress Sam with his knowledge.

In the spring of 1777, the British army march into the Meeker Family's town.

Adapted from the book My Brother Sam Is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
Tim watches as the British Army kill many men and boys, including one of Tim's friends.

Tim cannot decide who he likes. The Rebel Army Cowboys have kidnapped his father and the British army has killed his friend.

After the British Army has left, the Rebel Army comes into town. Tim is able to see Sam.

Adapted from the book My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
Tim finds out that Sam is going to rejoin the Rebel Army even though he could be done.

Tim is not happy with Sam but knows he cannot change his mind.

Many months go by and Tim and his Mother find out Tim's father has died on a Prison Boat.

Adapted from the book My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
Now Tim knows he really is the man of the house and has to take care of the tavern and make money and trade decisions.

Tim has to decide what to do with 8 cows that his mom got for payment.

Tim wants to sell them to make money.

Adapted from the book *My Brother Sam is Dead* by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
Sam stops home with the Rebel Army and tells Tim he should kill the cows and hide the meat so the cows won't be stolen.

Tim is not sure about this.

2 men come and try to steal the cows from the barn.
Sam hears them and tries to stop them.

The 2 men grab Sam and tell the Rebel Army General that Sam tried to steal the cows.

The Rebel Army General doesn't believe Sam.
Chapters 13, & 14

Tim and his mother try and talk to the Rebel Army to tell them Sam did not steal the cows.

The Rebel Army General will not change his mind.

Tim tries to break into the camp where his brother Sam is being held prisoner.

Adapted from the book My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
Tim cannot save his brother Sam.

On February 16, 1779, Tim watches as his brother Sam is publicly shot.