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Henry and the Cannons

An Extraordinary True Story of the American Revolution

Don Brown
In 1775 the American Revolution had begun. The British Army took over Boston, Massachusetts.

George Washington and the American army was scared.
George Washington needed cannons to scare the British Army.

Henry Knox was a bookseller. Henry wanted to get the cannons from New York.

Henry road on horseback in rain, wind, and cold weather.
Henry found the cannons. Henry took 59 of the best cannons.

Henry gathered men to help bring the cannons to Boston.
Henry put the cannons on 3 boats.

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One boat got stuck on a rock in icy waters.

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One boat filled with water and sank.

Henry reached land after 10 days.
Henry put the cannons onto 42 sleds.

Some sleds sank in the mud.

Some sleds sank into the frozen rivers.

Henry saved every cannon.
Henry and his men have been traveling for a month.

Henry, his men, oxen, and horses are tired.

The British Army are warm and happy in Boston.
Henry's men pulled the cannons up hills.
The cannons went down hills.
Henry and his men were cold and wet.
Henry and his men kept going.
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Henry arrived in Boston.

Henry had all 59 cannons for George Washington.

The people never saw a cannon.

Henry fired the cannon for fun.
British soldiers ran when they saw the cannons.
The Americans had Boston back.
George Washington held a parade for Henry.
Henry was a hero.