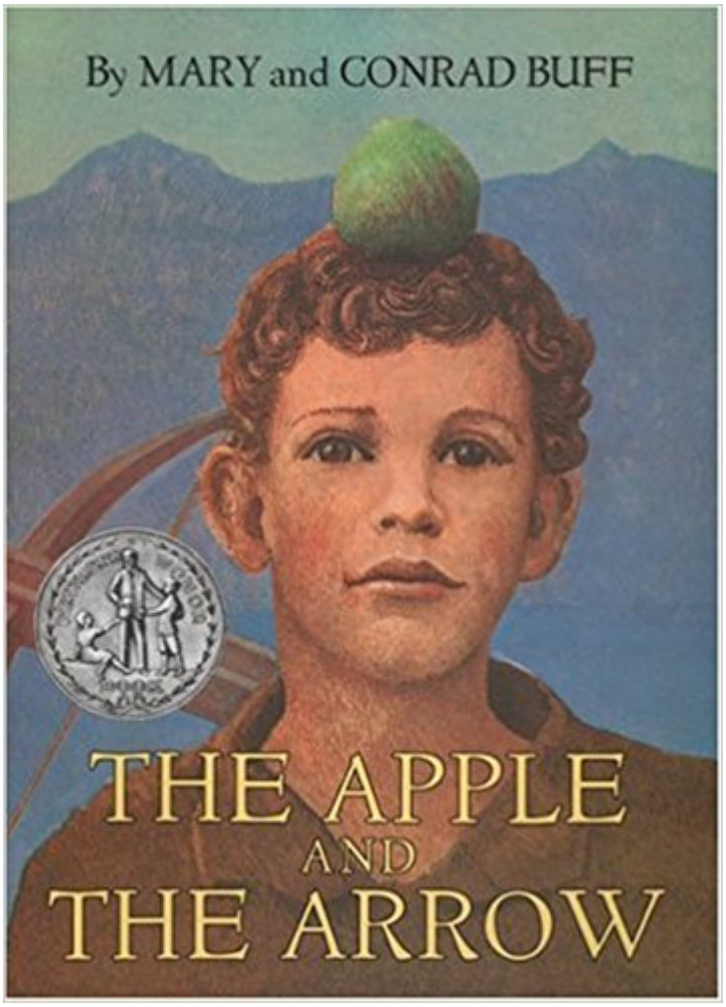
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Synopsis

The year is 1291, and Walter is the twelve-year-old son of William Tell, the greatest bowman in the land of Uri. Walter lives happily in the remote heights of the Alpine Mountains, caring for his familyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s goat herd and practicing his marksmanship in the hopes of making his father proud. But as the end of the year approaches, WalterÃ¢â ¬â„¢s peaceful life is shaken as his country enters a revolution, and Walter must carry a secret that could threaten the life of the father he loves so dearly. More than seven hundred years have passed since the day Walter stood in the marketplace balancing an apple on his head while the Austrian tyrant Gessler commanded WalterÃ¢â ¬â„¢s father, William Tell, to take aim at the apple with his great crossbow. The dramatic tale of WilliamÃ¢â ¬â„¢s arrest and escape and the daring revolt of the Swiss against the Austrians has become a legend around the world.

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Customer Reviews

Told from the point of view of William Tell's son, Walter, the 1952 Newbery Honor book The Apple and the Arrow by Mary and Conrad Buff recounts the 1291 Swiss struggle for freedom. Full-color and b&w illustrations highlight key points in the drama (including Tell aiming his bow and arrow at an apple atop Walter's head) as well as the breathtaking Swiss landscape. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

"Shoot, Father, shoot! I am not afraid." Walter’s voice seemed to bring back his father’s courage. He quickly raised the heavy crossbow to his shoulder as muscles rippled on his brown arms. He sighted the apple on his son’s head. He pulled back the bowstring… The legend of William Tell survived for more than seven hundred years. The Apple and the Arrow, winner of a 1952 Newbery Honor Medal, tells the story through Walter’s eyes, as he and his father struggle for the freedom of their family, their village, and their country.

Our local library didn’t have this book so I went and purchased it. Easy to read and my daughter loves it. She is using it for her unit study.

Well written. Illustrations are nice, but the book itself certainly inspires the imagination. Our 7 year old loves it.

My son had been asking to read about William Tell... this book was great, even for me... provided the back story which I never had read so we both enjoyed reading this together

Heart-swelling story! Beautiful illustrations complement this well-written story of one family’s part in the independence of Switzerland. A wonderful tale of bravery, faith and freedom.

I purchased this book to supplement a music lesson on The William Tell Overture. With an exciting story and plenty of dialogue, it kept the students’ attention and added to their appreciation of the music.

Beautiful story of old. I enjoy reading good history with good character building to my grandchildren. Great illustrations! I’d like to recommend this book.

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