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The thrilling stories and stunning illustrations of *The Rockets' Red Glare* are sure to capture the imagination of anyone interested in the fascinating history of the War of 1812.

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