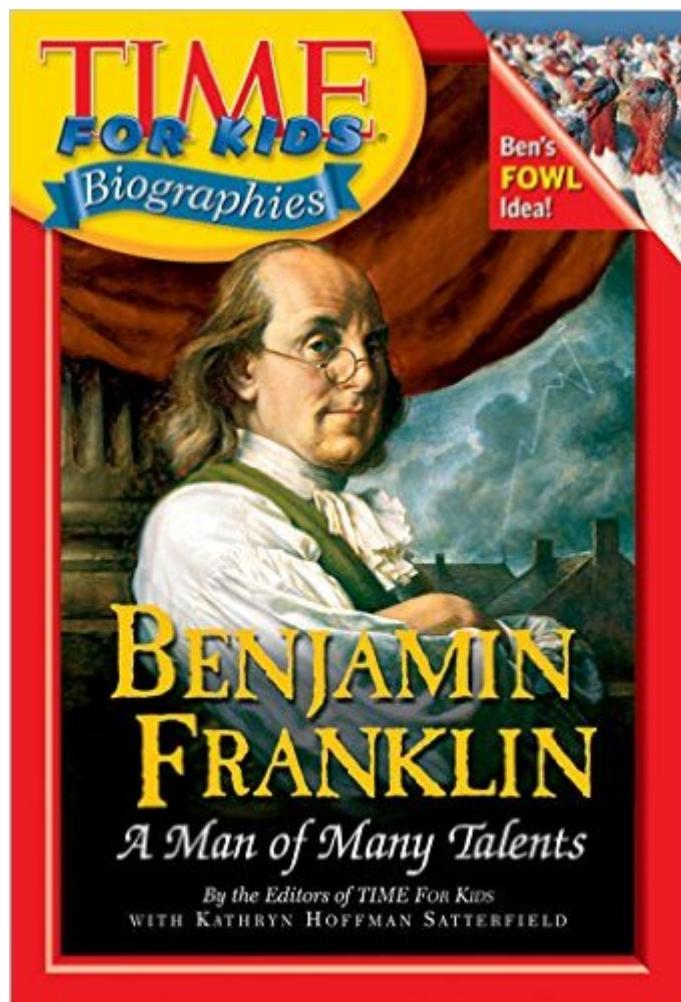


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# Time For Kids: Benjamin Franklin: A Man Of Many Talents (Time For Kids Biographies)



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## **Customer Reviews**

Although the description says this book is for 9-12 year olds, I would put it more at a 3rd grade reading level with large print and simple sentences. My 12 year old would be offended if I assigned her this book. Although it does present good information, I'm annoyed that the author devoted space to telling us how Franklin fathered a child out of wedlock, and then shacked up with another woman and had a few more children (the woman's husband had left her and she didn't know where he was so she couldn't legally get a divorce, so she couldn't marry Franklin). Is that really necessary to include in a book that only has room for the most important parts of his life - a book which is aimed at 3rd and 4th graders? There are better resources. I like Poor Richard by Dougherty.

Although that book isn't one that 3rd graders could read, it's an excellent read aloud.

This could have been such a great book if only the writer had used a little imagination in making it more engaging. The writing style is so dry, it's as if it were written for an adult only with simpler language. Engaging material for kids does not mean using simpler language. It means using your imagination to conjure up images that will be engaging to kids. My 8-yr old loves reading. He reads all of the time, but he lost interest in this book very quickly, despite the fact that he loves biographies.

I bought three historical books for my 10-year old (5th grader). Since he has book reports every month, I wanted something that would be an easy read. However, this series is not for his age. The books are terrific, but my 7-year old got the most benefit from them. She is not an avid reader, however she didn't want to put them down until she finished.

Benjamin Franklin: A Man of Many Talents is well written and easy to read. The book quickly covers many of the important events from Franklin's life. The artwork is relevant and colorful. This book will make a great addition to any family's or school's history library!

Ben Franklin was a very talented man. His inventions were great! I think everyone should read this book. It has great information and illustrations too. All kids can learn a great deal from this most accurate information of Benjamin Franklin's greatest accomplishments.

I love anything by TimeFor Kids. This is a wonderful addition to my classroom library. The children love this series of books.

We've been reading this book and it's excellent. My son really enjoys them and we've all learned so much about Benjamin Franklin. The book is educational and entertaining.

Bought this for my son's book report. & it worked out well It was great for him as it wasn't too lengthy but exactly what was needed for his age.

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