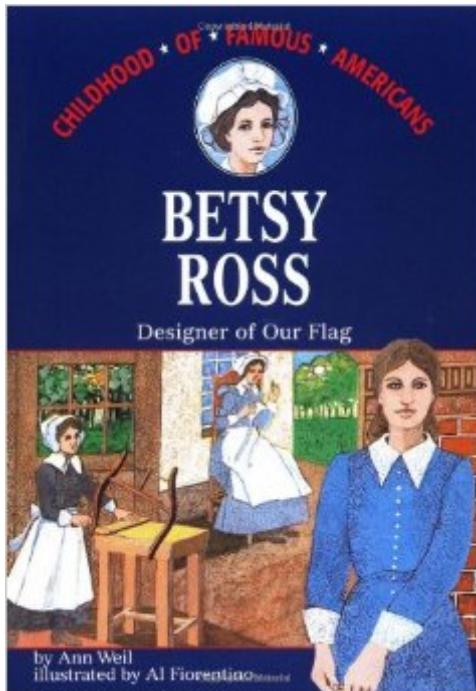


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Betsy Ross: Designer Of Our Flag (Childhood Of Famous Americans)



Synopsis

Recreates the childhood of the woman traditionally remembered as the maker of the first American flag, which was secretly presented to General George Washington in Philadelphia in 1776.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

I love the book but the title is wrong. Betsy Ross really wasn't the designer of the flag. She was just asked to sew the flag because of her great talent in sewing. I read this book because I went to the Betsy Ross house and thought she was really cool. When I read this book, I felt like I really knew her. She is so interesting having 3 husbands and surviving through the war between the British troops and George Washington's Continental army. I think that I'd like to know about her later life more.

We read Betsy Ross in the Fall for 2nd grade and then happened to take a trip to Philadelphia to visit family. While there, we made a history stop and took the Betsy Ross tour and spoke with "Betsy Ross" in her Quaker language. My son thought that was awesome and she made us a 5 point star! It was great to pull it together with the book and what we had learned and asking her questions along with learning more about her life/home in Philadelphia.

I READ THIS BOOK TO MY 7 YEAR OLD SHE HAS A GREAT LOVE FOR HISTORY AND SHE HAS REQUESTED EVEN MORE ON BETSY ROSS DUE TO THIS BOOK SHE LOVED IT! I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK AS A START ON THE JOURNEY TO OUR HISTORY.

This book is a biography with large print with black and white drawings on every other page. It is simply done and covers the famous person's childhood. It showcases the traits the child possessed that helped make them famous as an adult. The entire series is written at a 4th grade level (approximately). I would prefer the entire life of a person being represented.

This book was not very helpful in doing my biography report. It spends too much time talking about her life as a 6 year old, and not enough time talking about making the flag. Also, Betsy Ross didn't design the flag -- she sewed the flag. This book was originally written almost 50 years ago and is seriously in need of updating to relate to today's readers.

Have enjoyed reading many of the books in this series aloud to my 5/6 year old. This one was especially fun to read after Ben Franklin, 'cause in the book young Betsy actually goes to visit old Ben the printer. Even though the books are fictional, for the most part, they develop in the child a sense of familiarity with the character, and an interest in learning more about them the next time they encounter them. Most, like this, are full of (invented) dialogue, making them feel very alive. However, one minor thing got under my skin: in the dialogue the author tried to reproduce old Quaker English, but apparently wasn't familiar with the grammar- she uses only "Thee" and not "Thou" or "Thy". Don't let this deter you from enjoying this fun book, but I recommend going through and correcting it before reading it aloud. (Or letting your older child attempt the corrections herself.)

The author does a good job at portraying what type of a person Betsy Ross was. It is written in a story form which is better because I think children will be more interested in reading it. There isn't much information about her creating the flag until the last chapter however it is enough to give children an idea of what she did for our nation.

Great information of childhood and historical reference of her early life, would like a bit more info regarding her later life. Was perfect for 5th grade character speech!

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