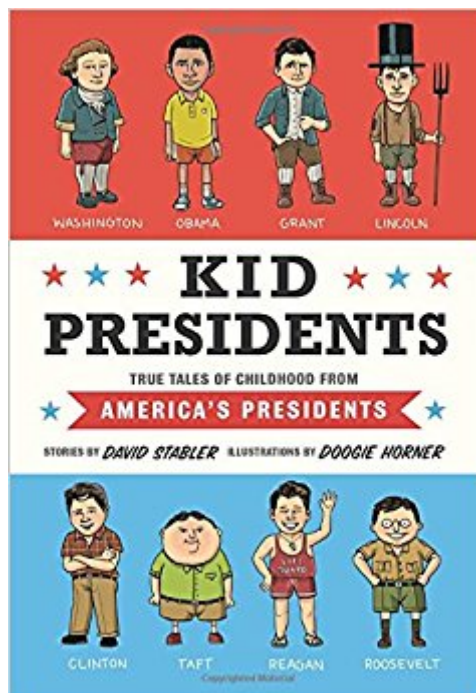




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Kid Presidents: True Tales Of Childhood From America's Presidents (Kid Legends)



Synopsis

Forget the legends. Ignore the tall tales. The kids who grew up to be president weren't superheroes. They had regular-kid problems just like you. John F. Kennedy hated his big brother. Lyndon Johnson pulled pranks in class. Barack Obama was bothered by bullies. And Bill Clinton was crazy clumsy (he once broke his leg jumping rope). Kid Presidents tells all of their stories and more with fullcolor cartoon illustrations on every page. History has never been this much fun!

Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

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Customer Reviews

ARC provided by LibraryThingWe should all go ahead and get one thing out of the way, history can be boring as sin for young kids to study. Oh I know, its exciting and there is some great stuff in it that kids would enjoy. But the people that write the history books? And the *cough* politicians and people *cough* that try to rewrite history? Yeah...they forget how much fun history really is and get stuck on trying to make people memorize facts and figures, instead of remembering that the past can be not only a great teacher, but fun as well. And that's where books like Kid Presidents come in.In this book David Stabler brings to life stories from sixteen different

presidents, including our current one Barack Obama, from when they were kids. And while others have done this type of thing before, they all tend to focus on the same boring story, like George Washington and the cherry tree or Abraham Lincoln and his quest to end vampires...wait neither of those is real? Well dang. Oh well, Stabler has done his research and brings to life stories that ARE real, strange, and just...normal that readers of all ages will enjoy. I mean I learned a lot about the presidents that I hadn't known before. For example, did you know that George Washington was almost apprenticed to the British Navy before his mom stepped in and put a stop to it? Or that he helped create some of the early maps of Virginia instead? Its true! Even more importantly though, Stabler makes it a point to show how the presidents were just like everyone else growing up. They struggled with homework, got into fights with their siblings, drove their teachers and parents nuts, and had to do stuff they hated, but they still managed to grow up and hold the most important office in the US.

This is just a delightful book. I wish I'd thought of it!The "Look Inside the Book" feature gives you a good idea of what's to come-- lots of illustrations, wacky invented dialogue, fairly large type, and plenty of humor throughout. (But also serious parts... like when Andrew Jackson and his brother were captured by British soldiers and almost die of smallpox in a prison camp-- which still somehow manages to get away with being illustrated in a whimsical fashion.)Kids are always curious about what adults were like when they were kids themselves, and I have to admit, I chose this book as much for me as I did for my 7-year-old. I was really curious, too-- and the book doesn't disappoint. Some of our Presidents were completely kooky kids.Theodore Roosevelt had a fascination with dead animals... he would collect, skin, and mount them to create his own Museum of Natural History that started in his bedroom (but freaked out a maid)... he'd even bring his specimens along when he traveled to hotels with his family.Jimmy Carter was a great tree-climber who collected arrowheads. Richard Nixon acted in school plays. Woodrow Wilson founded his own baseball team. Barack Obama had a pet ape in Indonesia.Some Presidents get their own chapter for being particularly interesting kids; others get a few paragraphs in a themed chapter about Presidents who were pranksters as kids, what chores and odd jobs they did, the mistakes they made as kids, and so on; and a few just get one line of trivia at the end.

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