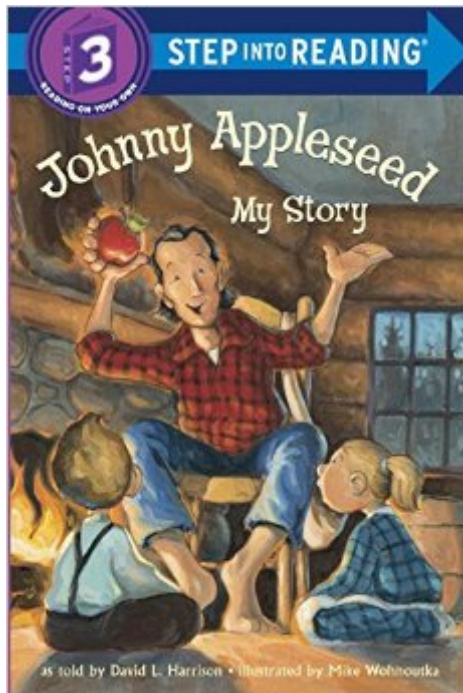


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# Johnny Appleseed: My Story (Step-Into-Reading, Step 3)



## Synopsis

Johnny Appleseed was an important historical figure, well known for planting apple orchards across the new frontier. But he was also a master storyteller! In his own folksy voice, Johnny Appleseed tells his story to a couple of entranced children in this fictionalized Step 2 title. Readers learn how he started planting apple trees and about some of the myths and true stories of his life.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

This book is a Level 2 Reader which is defined as being for Grades 1 to 3. And despite being a Practice Reader this book by David Harrison does as fine a job as any book we have read thus far in teaching young children about Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman). The book begins with Johnny's arrival on a farm. Everyone is excited to see John again and they invite him to dinner. The two children, Will and Beth, want John to tell them one of his stories, and he says 'sure' but not before he helps dad with the wood splitting. When they do all settle down after dinner, Johnny tells of his own boisterous childhood. How he found relief from the noise of ten siblings! in the woods and how the woods became a second home to him. The story goes on to describe how he set off from Massachusetts to go west, and how he fell into apple planting by accident when a cider mill gave

him free apple seeds. The book covers the harsh winters in Pennsylvania and how John planted seeds there and in Indiana and Ohio too. Five Stars. Very Good read-aloud. The book gives some history and explanation of how and why Johnny ended up traveling the wilderness. In addition, it points out in a fun, non-condemning way that many of the stories told about John are more myth than truth. Text is included below so you can judge reading levels for yourself. "I sold sprouts to folks heading west in their wagons. I sold sprouts to settlers living in log cabins. One sprout costs six and a half cents." "Sometimes I traded sprouts for clothes or food. Some folks were too poor to trade. I gave them sprouts for free. I knew how it felt to be poor." Pam T~mom and reviewer at BooksForKids-reviews

I must admit, my kindergartener and I are great fans of the Step Into Reading series of books. Since my daughter had completed the Step 2 books in the Step Into Reading series of books, I decided to go ahead and purchase the Step 3 books. I was a bit hesitant because I noticed there is quite a big leap between the Step 2 and Step 3 books, especially in terms of vocabulary and sentence structure. The vocabulary is more advanced with higher order words, and the sentences are longer. I was also concerned that my daughter might not like the topics which seemed to be more 'academic' with history-based stories. My worries were unfounded. She loves the books and is reading them with very little help from me (and I enjoy listening to the stories!) These books are excellent for building children's reading skills as well as increasing their confidence in reading. Once you've completed the Step 1 and Step 2 books (I would advise proceeding level by level), the Step 3 books are not as daunting as they might first appear. In "Johnny Appleseed: My Story", young readers are introduced to Johnny Appleseed who was a real-life figure and not just a myth. He was famous for his amazing tales, and the vivid illustrations bring Johnny's adventures to life. I can't recommend these books highly enough - they are great for building reading skills, and also educational. This book is a great introduction to history, and I also came up with a series of short comprehension questions based on the story in this book so as to hone my daughter's comprehension skills (e.g. "What was one special thing about Johnny Appleseed?", "What did he do with all the apple seeds?", etc.). These books are not only great intermediate readers but might also inculcate in children a great love of American folklore and history.

This Johnny Appleseed book is a treasure. I'm the dining room pianist at the lodge of National Arbor Day Farm, and I take this book along for kids to read while they sit on the piano bench beside me and swing their feet to the music. We have good talks about how the apple trees in the orchard they

can see from the window got their start from Johnny Appleseed.

I purchased this book to add to a collection of books that I give to two children. I purchase 25 books wrap each one, and give the books as a "advent read a book a night , to count down to Xmas. " The kids loved this book! The price was right and they could read the book themselves.

I got this for my 7 year old daughter. It was nice that it had pictures, too. I thought it was a little pricey for such a short kindle book, but my daughter seemed to like it. She only read it a couple of times.

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