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Who Was Neil Armstrong?



Synopsis

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon and, to an audience of over 450 million people, proclaimed his step a "giant leap for mankind." This Eagle Scout built his own model planes as a little boy and then grew up to be a test pilot for experimental aircraft before becoming an astronaut. Over 80 black-and-white illustrations bring Armstrong's story to life.

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

I had purchased this book some months ago. Last week my son needed to do a timeline project for his third grade class. I pulled this book off the shelf and we read it together. The book has some very interesting facts about Neil's life. Once you read the book, you will understand why NASA chose Neil for Apollo 11. The illustrations are in black and white but they are good and very useful for the flow of the story. There are some very helpful diagrams that explain the Saturn V rocket and the Apollo 11 mission. And guess what? There's a timeline in the back of the book! (I didn't let my son see it.) When my son did an oral presentation of his timeline, the teacher was amazed about how much my son knew about Armstrong's life. She said the other students were on the edge of their seats. The book also has some interesting short diversions about the Wright Brothers, Charles

Lindbergh, the Korean War, and the loss of the Apollo 1 astronauts. This is a great book for young readers! Adults who are interested in space exploration will also enjoy the book.

My son really enjoyed this book. The whole series is wonderful as he has read several of them, but who doesn't like learning more about Neil Armstrong. It has really made him understand more about the man and the moon mission. This one in particular was fun for him because he is fascinated by outer space. It helped him want to learn more about the moon and solar system.

I bought these for my third grade classroom. They are great for the biography genre and then to use for report writing. The three years I've used them so far the kids LOVED them. Easy for their reading levels, informative, and people they have heard of in their lives. They would read their own and then read other that they had heard of. Could have left these books out 1/2 year and they would have still been reading them.

This a great a book on Neil Armstrong. I recommend it beyond the age group stated. It is well illustrated and well written. There was a lot I did not know about Neil. Not that I have studied much about him. I'm a fan of flying, and just wanted a quick read on an historic figure cause my history knowledge is flimsy. I recommend it for anyone really old and young who just want a glimpse into history without extras or viewpoints of the writers; which is wonderful. The illustrations are black and white, but if a kid or teen wants to they can color them in just as fine as a coloring book. Mine will most likely stay black and white. The cool thing is that they have the paths to the moon illustrated, the Saturn V and Spacesuits with names of what their main parts. A good source for those doing unit studies and need something short and informative too.

My kids love this series. It takes you through a persons life, their beginnings, journey and end in a way kids can latch onto and follow. We have bought many in this series and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

I bought this book for a great-grandson as a source for his final English project. It is definitely informative in a very young reader way. It brought a lot of detail to the surface that the formal biographies eliminate. I think it helped him relate that his project wasn't just an old person who died; that person was young once and had dreams that led to his success. I liked it for the purpose it was purchased.

This book describes the life of Neil Armstrong very well. It is a good choice for a totally new person to understand why he was a world hero. Before reading the book, I had no idea that Neil Armstrong had taken part in so many important wars such as World War II and the Korean War. This book also has an excellent part that explains how a rocket flies through out the atmosphere, which is quite an academic aspect. In conclusion, I recommend that you read this awesome book! By Jack

My grandson did a report using this book about Neil Armstrong. The write-up and his report was a great success. Thank you for sending the book that meant so much to my Neil Kaye! Cynthia
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