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## Who Was John F. Kennedy?: Who Was...?



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## Synopsis

The man who saved the lives of his PT-109 crewmen during WWII and became the 35th president fought-and won-his first battle at the age of two-and-a-half, when he was stricken with scarlet fever. Although his presidency was cut short, our nation's youngest elected leader left an indelible mark on the American consciousness and now is profiled in our Who Was...? series. Included are 100 black-and-white illustrations as well as a timeline that guides readers through this eventful period in history.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8-12 years
Grade Level: 3-7

## Customer Reviews

I began reading this 112 page book one afternoon to my 13 and 11 year old girls and my 8 and 6 year old boys. They wouldn't let me put it down. I read the whole book to them in one sitting and THEY ALL LOVED IT! It is rare that a book engages ALL my children.One thing I really liked about this book was the occasional 1 page aside. Topics indirectly related to JFK like prohibition, cuban blockade, potato famine, irish immigration, etc.

My fourth grader needed to research a past president and her teacher assigned JFK to her. We found this book online and she read it over a weekend. It was easy to read and she was able to
retain the information easier than just looking at facts on the internet. She truly felt she knew about JFK and now she wants to know more about Jackie. Apparently she was a fashion icon and so that was all it took for my daughter. What a great way to learn history and to learn about a president that was frozen in time at the prime of his life due to his premature death. Highly recommended for your student.

Great little book. We buy lots of Who Was books and use them for homeschool enrichment. Short chapters, larger font, and lots of pictures make these books an easy read. This was a great addition to our collection.

This book was a very good biography about the first Roman Catholic President, JFK. It was very easy to read, yet filled with info like the page all about his siblings. I am interested in reading other books in the series. All in all, BUY THIS BOOK FOR KIDS!!!!

Great information about JFK but the illustrations looked like a toddler did them. Even my 8-year-old commented on how juvenile they looked. Our other "Who Was" books have much better illustrations in them.

As the 50th anniversary of the assination of JFK approached my grandaughter's class studied the man and his presidency. As I was a teenager at that time I told her what I recalled, but then, to expand her knowledge sent this to her. Her teacher told me that she brought it into class and shared with her classmates. They loved it!

I wish they would actually put this series as being listed in the adult section! Why? Cause they are informative and big worded enough for an adult to enjoy. The illustration are not kiddish though enough for a teen to enjoy. I've read 302 pgs of these books so far, and I found all three of them to be captivating. I never really had an history class, and I loathe textbooks. This is more than I would actually get in a textbook if I read about John F. Kennedy, Albert Einstein, and Neil Armstrong. For instance: I didn't know about Neil Armstrong's daughter, I did know about Albert Einstein's sons only cause I read a 500pg book on him, and it took me two years of sidetracking to get it read. I already knew a lot about the Kennedys because l'm a space fan, and l've read parts of books on him already not too mention documentaries. I read these in about an hour before dinner. But seriously, they should be in the young adult section at least, as well. The only history I have truly learned
comes from biographies,documentaries, museum trips, and I love it. I hope this person writes more of these.

I am a home-teacher working with an autistic, slow-learner, adult student who is Chinese. My student is is interested in John F. Kennedy, and we have read simple little stories about him. "Who Was john F. Kennedy" is great for his reading level, and he enjoys reading about Kennedy, but for my student (autistic), the format for the book is not really conducive to reading smoothness. For "normal" children the book would be fine, but for my student, the change in format has proven to be a little disruptive. After a random series of pages, the author inserts a page of supportive text, which to most children would give interesting tidbits of information, but to my student, for a moment or two, he loses continuity of the story line. This book would probably be fine with "normal" children, but for autistic kids, it is not quite as satisfactory.

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