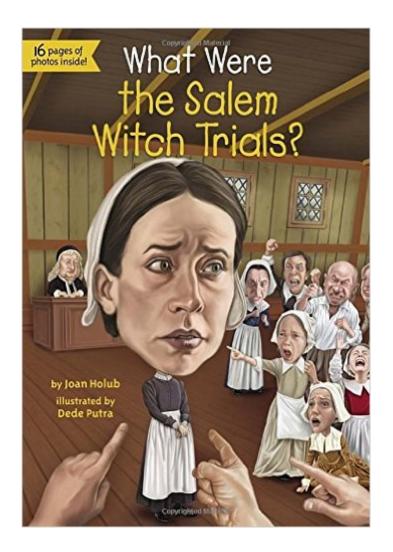
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# What Were The Salem Witch Trials? (What Was...?)





## Synopsis

Something wicked was brewing in the small town of Salem, Massachusetts in 1692. It started when two girls, Betty Parris and Abigail Williams, began having hysterical fits. Soon after, other local girls claimed they were being pricked with pins. With no scientific explanation available, the residents of Salem came to one conclusion: it was witchcraft! Over the next year and a half, nineteen people were convicted of witchcraft and hanged while more languished in prison as hysteria swept the colony. Author Joan Holub gives readers and inside look at this sinister chapter in history.

## **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: 0760 (What's this?) Series: What Was...? Paperback: 112 pages Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap; Dgs edition (August 11, 2015) Language: English ISBN-10: 0448479052 ISBN-13: 978-0448479057 Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 0.3 x 7.6 inches Shipping Weight: 8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (26 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #23,566 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #17 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > History > United States > Colonial & Revolutionary #73 in Books > Children's Books > Biographies > Historical Age Range: 8 - 12 years Grade Level: 3 - 7

#### **Customer Reviews**

My son loves all of the books in this series! They are wonderful for teaching children about important people and events. This one did not disappoint. He started reading these in 3rd grade, and he still loves them two years later.

What were the Salem Witch Trials? By Joan Holub gives the reader a overview of a time that was confusing, horrific, and did not end fast enough for many. The question to this day still remains to this day why did it happen? Was it over land? We're the girls really hallucinating over something they may have ingested? Was it political? No matter what it goes down with scientist questions

never fully answered to their satisfaction.Joan Holub takes the reader on a brief journey on important aspects that happened in Salem, Massachusetts, 1962. It's great for third graders, it's great for those who love history and this time in history, it's great for your teen as a reference or staying point and reminder and even a adult.It's meant for children so it's short, but history lovers will enjoy it.

This is a quick and quite interesting way to learn a little history. I think this is a very good book for a reluctant reader or someone who wants some information in a hurry. The illustrations are good and the information is as well.

I was inquiring about another series of books by Joan Holub (Goddess Girls) when I received a response from Joan herself. My email address includes my daughter's name (Salem) and Joan mentioned she thought my inquiry was going to be about this book and asked if we had it. When I told her no, she sent my daughter an autographed copy back in December just before her birthday and Christmas!! Not only do I recommend this author (for obvious reasons!) but her books are so educational and fun for kids to read and learn! This book is very informative and detailed. I had mentioned to my daughter Salem before what the Salem Witch Trials were and had even gotten her other books for kids about them, but this was the first one she read that gave her much more of the story. It took her a couple days to ready it (she just turned 9) but she would often come to me while reading it to tell me something about what she read and how she felt about it. I think by the time all is said and done, I may just have Joan Holub's entire literary collection!

This even in American history has always fascinated me. It is amazing how this incident was even capable of happening. I like this series as it introduces young people to some of the more unique events throughout history, as well as some its most important. This was a good way to introduce it, and made for a quick read. I would think this would encourage readers to find out even more about it as well.

My 9 year old son loved this book. He was amazed to find out about this part of our history. He was especially surprised to find out about the number of people involved in the trials. A quick but interesting read for young kids. Highly recommend.

It was very informative. I'm going into ninth grade and I remember learning about this in school.

Some parts were a little graphic, but overall appropriate for kids. My girls loved it and can't wait to visit Salem!

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