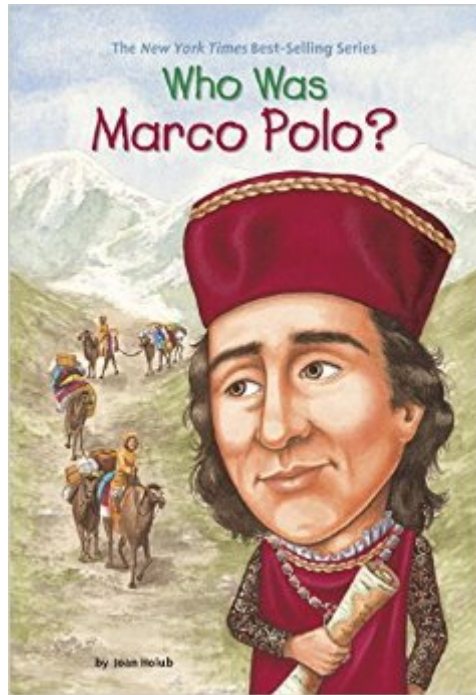


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# Who Was Marco Polo?



## Synopsis

Marco Polo was seventeen when he set out for China . . . and forty-one when he came back! More than seven hundred years ago, Marco Polo traveled from the medieval city of Venice to the fabled kingdom of the great Kublai Khan, seeing new sights and riches that no Westerner had ever before witnessed. But did Marco Polo experience the things he wrote about . . . or was it all made-up? Young readers are presented with the facts in this entertaining, highly readable Who Was . . . ? biography with black-and-white artwork by John O'Brien.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

I agree with reviewers who commented on other books in this series-- these are an excellent introduction to biographies and chapter books. My husband and I have read almost all of these "Who was..." books to our now 11 and 9 year old over the past year. I find them easy to read aloud and appropriately illustrated. They lead our family to deeper discussion of the person or history and politics of the time. Marco Polo is my nine-year-olds favorite bio. I found the Einstein bio to be very interesting, my husband like Darwin, my three-year-old liked Edison, and my nine-year-old son's favorite was Annie Oakley.

This series of books by Joan Holub are PERFECT! 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade and up! Pictures and larger print help so much when getting a young 9yr old to read about history. When they are a bit older, this is a great book for them to read alone and be captivated! The facts are spot on and it is so helpful when not going into WAY TOO MUCH detail about something you know your kid will never remember! It is just the right amount of story to make them reading it possible! Strongly recommend any of her books in this area. Thank you Joan! Now keep coming out with more!! :)

My students are in a 5th and 6th grade gifted class and all really enjoy the entire series of "Who Was?" "Who Is?" and "What Was?" books for their AR (Accelerated Reader) goals. These series are all classified as nonfiction, with book level from 4.5-6.0 and they are worth 1 point. They enjoyed reading about Marco Polo and his travels.

A very good story about the life of Marco Polo. Handles the exaggerations of his story very well. I use it as an introduction to the Age of Exploration in my class and it's engaging enough that the students get into it. Would be very suitable for intermediate and middle school aged children.

“ Everyone is aware of the game that individual™s like to play called Marco Polo. One person says Marco and another says Polo. The individual that says Marco is suppose to find the individual that says Polo without being able to physically see them. This game is often played in bodies of water. Marco Polo the explorer is whom the game is named after. Marco Polo was a born a merchant in Italy. He came from a family of merchants and it was ll he every knew and was taught. When he turned 17 he made a trip with his father and his Uncle to China. They spent a great number of years there working on a ruler named Kublai Khan. Khan was feared by those his armies had overthrown. However, he appeared to be a just and reasonable ruler based on the information recorded by Marco Polo on his travels with his family. Marco Polo had kept vivid noted of everything he saw, he learned and he did while he was traveling. He had no real reason to keep all the notes, other then that he™d wanted to. It was a good thing that he did though because his notes and the things he learned became really useful for others that wanted to travel a similar journey. I really enjoyed reading this book and I look forward to reading many more books in this series.

This book answers the question of the title who was Marco polo. I was looking for a general synopsis of who Marco polo was and this book fit the bill. I think the target reader for the book is a

teenager or younger but as an adult I enjoyed it and I will read more of the series..

We used this book in our Home-schooling program and found it very informative and a guide in preparing a lesson plan on explorers. If you want a quick "tell me something about this guy," this book is very helpful. Would I do it again? Absolutely.

This book took us by surprise (my wife and I) since it is really no ordinary, everyday book. It was evidently planned and published with care and it is really, really beautiful, aside from being very informative.

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