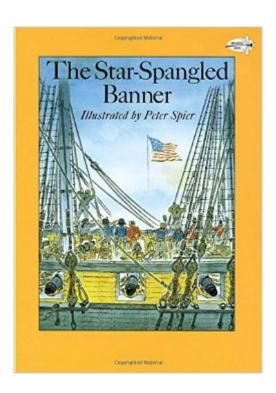
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The Star-Spangled Banner (Reading Rainbow Books)





Synopsis

Due to careful research, Spier's artwork depicts "the dawn's early light" and "the rocket's red glare" with remarkable authenticity and detail in this celebratory book. Among the highlights: a brief history of the anthem, a reproduction of Francis Scott Key's original manuscript, music for guitar and piano chords and many photographs. A Child Study Children's Book Committee: Children's Book of the Year, An American Bookseller Pick of the Lists.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Many years ago, when this book was first released around 1973 to 1974, my mother bought it for me to read. I can still remember reading this book as a youngster, studying the pictures and text to learn what happened at that time in United States history. It inspired me in my quest to understand history better which has lasted a lifetime. Many years later, after seeing a special on The War of 1812, I recalled this book and reordered it, remembering how important it was in my development. What a delight! The artistry is phenomenal (albeit the images are small, they are almost panoramic in scope and achievement). I was really amazed at the use of light and colors. His images are very powerful and awe-inspiring. The perspectives are taken from inside the fort (Fort

McHenry) during the battle/invasion as well as from the decks of the British warships. After the main story is told, there are images of this great country and all of her beauty including more than just those of Fort McHenry (which in and of itself had an incredible history if you ever decide to visit it in Baltimore, Maryland). The drawings/paintings include a broad sweep of America from Hawaii to Washington, D. C., from San Francisco to our naval ships on the high seas defending the United States shores, from the small town main street to the fields and valleys of our heartland. There are images of monuments like the Lincoln monument to the Capitol Building, and displays of our American potential and might as an aerospace giant and industrial powerhouse. Even somber tones of a cemetery with an American flag waving to relate that freedom is not free is next to images of our religious heritage. What patriotic glimpses that the author has crafted for the reader. (No wonder as a small child I was so inspired).

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