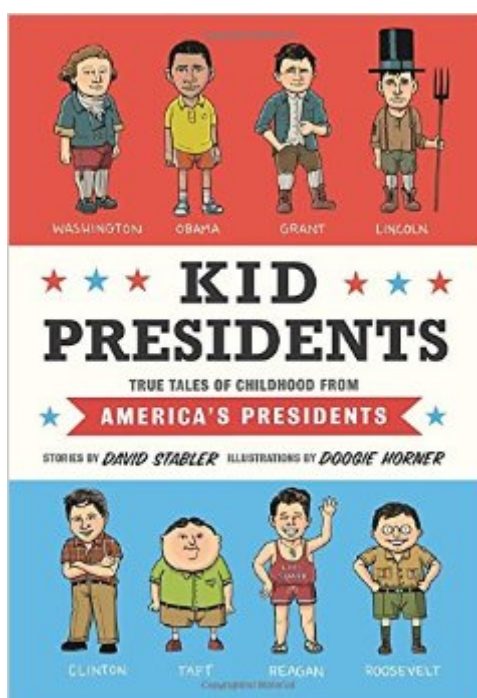


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# Kid Presidents: True Tales Of Childhood From America's Presidents (Kid Legends)



## Synopsis

Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations show how George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Barack Obama, and other presidents-to-be faced kid-sized problems growing up in America. Every president started out as a kid! Forget the legends, tall tales, and historic achievements—before they were presidents, the future leaders of the United States had regular-kid problems just like you. John F. Kennedy hated his big brother. Lyndon Johnson pulled pranks in class. Barack Obama was bothered by bullies. And Bill Clinton was crazy clumsy (he once broke his leg jumping rope). Kid Presidents tells all of their stories and more with full-color cartoon illustrations on every page. History has never been this much fun!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Gr 4-6 • With cartoonish illustrations that will attract fans of Jeff Kinney's "The Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and Rachel Renfroe Russell's "The Dork Diaries," this informative offering leaves no presidential childhood rock unturned. Children will enjoy the parallels of these presidential lives and their own, from Franklin Roosevelt's helicopter mother to Hebert Hoover's friendships with

Native Americans to Barack Obama's tumultuous years in Indonesia. Disorganized kids will be happy to read that John F. Kennedy was given a scathing report card that once stated that he "can seldom locate his possessions." Kids will especially enjoy the section on pranks pulled by previous presidents. Oddly, this book is not organized chronologically, nor is each segment broken down into any rational sequence. Overall, the style is funny and lighthearted. Being a kid isn't always easy, even for those on the path for greatness, like many of these men. The further reading at the end of book provides a nice resource for those who want to learn more about their favorite resident of the Oval Office. Give this fun and accessible title to "Who Was" series (Penguin) fans or reluctant readers who enjoys history.

•Keith Klang, Port Washington Public Library, NY

"Just like history class, only hilarious." •Tim Federle, author of *A Better Nate Than Ever*

"With cartoonish illustrations that will attract fans of Jeff Kinney's *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and Rachel Renfroe Russell's *The Dork Diaries*, this informative offering leaves no presidential childhood rock unturned." •School Library Journal

"Every leader of our country was once a kid, as the 20 true tales in this fun, fact-filled, whimsically illustrated book so cleverly remind us." •American Profile

"The perfect gift for both presidential and history buffs, brimming with fun facts and full-color, comics-style artwork." •Jennifer M. Brown, *A Shelf Awareness for Readers*

"Get the hilarious history of each president's childhood. *Kid Presidents* by David Stabler includes quirky illustrations and plenty of unusual trivia." •Boys' Life

"Caricatures by Horner are whimsical and funny, a good match for a book that demonstrates that every president started life as a goofy, regular kid." •Booklist

"Fun and funny." •Examiner.com

"The book's entertaining and informative format...showcases the meticulous and appealing style author David Stabler used in *Secret Lives of Great Authors* and *Secret Lives of the Supreme Court*. [And] do not skip the asides Horner adds to the illustrations in *Kid Presidents*. Though the written remarks look like minor elements on pages, they provide major tongue-in-cheek entertainment." •The Florida Time-Union

"Kid Presidents gives readers a humorous peek into the early lives of our country's leaders." •Time for Kids

"Little-known and unknown facts and anecdotes about the nation's presidents comprise this short book and should find an audience with students who can't get enough of world record books." •Library Media Connection

"...entertaining..." •Kirkus Reviews

"This book

is altogether too much fun! The pictures are hilarious, the stories are surprising and interesting, and the whole thing is delightful enough to make people forget that it's about America, and history.

• Ben H. Winters, author of *The Secret Life of Ms Finkelman*  
"Kid Presidents is a hoot! Who would have thought that the path to the White House starts with being a cool little kid?"

• Joseph D'Agnesse, author of *American History Comic Books*. Praise for *Kid Athletes*:  
"...outstanding... Inspiring and entertaining, *Kid Athletes* isn't just for sports fans."  
• Booklist, starred review  
"Even if you don't exactly love sports, this book only says a little bit about them in the actual sport, so go out and get this book because it will teach you a lot and you will enjoy it immensely."  
• *Kidsday reporters*, *Newsday*  
"Perfect for the adolescent set, these inspiring stories mix fun and non-fiction."  
• *Geeks of Doom*  
Praise for *Kid Artists*:  
"...impressively diverse..."  
• Booklist  
"For budding artists, here's a heartening reminder that 17 unconventional greats—not to mention all the rest—started out as children too."  
• *Kirkus Reviews*  
"Memorably weird childhood moments—are likely to stick with readers, as will Horner's impish cartoons."  
• *Publishers Weekly*

My 8 year old son loves these books! He has read *Kid Presidents* and we just purchased *Kid Artists*. We were just in Chicago and he told the taxi driver facts about Lionel Messi and Ulysses S. Grant as kids and everyone in the car was fascinated. He has reread these books several times and loves all of the illustrations! He was also able to get AR (accelerated reader) points for *Kid Presidents*, which is great for school! He was as into these books as the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* ones. Highly recommend!

This is a wonderful book for youngsters. We bought it for our grandson on his 7th birthday and he loved hearing the stories of the presidents. It truly shows that all the men who have become president of the USA started out just like all our little boys. They had problems, interesting hobbies, some great adventures, but also went to school, played with friends, fought with siblings, etc. Highly recommend this book for all school libraries and all families.

My son loves this book.. easy read!

good book for getting kids curious about history and the people who were involved in it.

This is a really cool book! I was looking for a nonfiction book to read with my third grade LD students and happened upon this little gem. I love the stories - they are very accessible, not too long, but not too short. They keep the readers' attention and engage kids in conversation about the presidents. A really fun find!

This book was really good. Bought it for an 11 yr old. Not the normal info. everyone learns in school. Kids can relate to the stories. Plus, it has colored illustrations for a younger child but not so much that an older kid would find it childish. It can be a quick read, since it has numerous short stories. Great way to get kids interested in some History.

I don't always leave a review for books. I think it might be a personal matter. However, my 2nd grader loved this book. She picked it up and read it herself. She found it very interesting. Very age appropriate.

Just like "Kid Athletes" this book is truly amazing and will not let you down with its short but detailed passages. If you have not read either of these books please check them both out as soon as you can!!!

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