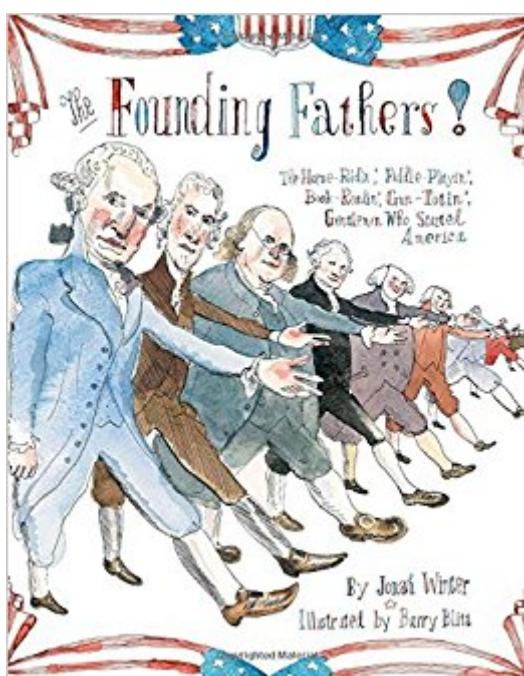


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The Founding Fathers!: Those Horse-Ridin', Fiddle-Playin', Book-Readin', Gun-Totin' Gentlemen Who Started America



Synopsis

In this eye-opening look at our Founding Fathers that is full of fun facts and lively artwork, it seems that Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and their cohorts sometimes agreed on NOTHINGâ |except the thing that mattered most: creating the finest constitution in world history, for the brand-new United States of America.Tall! Short! A scientist! A dancer! A farmer! A soldier! The founding fathers had no idea they would ever be called the "founding Fathers," and furthermore they could not even agree exactly on what they were founding! Should America declare independence from Britain? "Yes!" shouted some. "No!" shouted others. "Could you repeat the question?" shouted the ones who either hadn't been listening or else were off in France having fun, dancin' the night away. Slave owners, abolitionists, soldiers, doctors, philosophers, bankers, angry letter-writersâ "the men we now call America's Founding Fathers were a motley bunch of characters who fought a lot and made mistakes and just happened to invent a whole new kind of nation. And now here they are, together again, in an exclusive engagement!

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Customer Reviews

This picture book is filled with fun facts and trivia about the FOUNDING FATHERS. You'll discover what college they attended, how many acres of land they owned, their height, and plenty of other

tidbits. Older children and adults will find this a captivating read and this is a book you may want to have in your U.S. History library. It is a must purchase for school libraries! Book supplied by publisher.

Summary: Who were the men who helped start America, and what exactly does it mean to be a Founding Father? Jonah Winter takes an irreverent look at fourteen of them, giving each one a page of information that includes height, weight, shoe size, career and wealth, slaveholding status, position on the Boston Tea Party, famous quotes, and a few other facts and anecdotes. Each page is accompanied by a full-page portrait. The introduction, or "Preamble" tells a little about this group and draws some comparison to present-day politics and arguing over issues. The final few pages look more in depth at some of these issues including the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, religion, slavery, government, foreign wars, and taxes, then concludes with a full page of additional resources.

Pros: The writing is heavy on humor and interesting facts that kids will enjoy. Yet this is a great introduction to the whole concept of "Founding Fathers" (a term introduced by Warren G. Harding in 1918, in case you were wondering). It might also make you feel better about today's Congress to learn that so much was accomplished in spite of eighteenth-century partisan bickering.

Cons: There's not much depth. The additional resources will be needed to cover the history of the period more thoroughly.

Looks like a great book. Its Kindle version is not compatible with our Kindle though. We have had this issue with several kids books with illustrations. I guess it was created with graphics that only work on the Kindle fire or iPad. We wanted to read it on our Kindle Paperwhite. Will return the "Kindle" version and buy the hardcover.

The writing is nauseatingly youthful. It is full of ungrammatical sentences and "dude speak." The art is ugly and contains many anachronisms, like the founders riding a bus and playing electric guitars. The writer claims the Boston Tea Party was about, "tea that Britain was forcing the colonies to purchase." It makes me question the validity of any fact in the book. I stopped reading it to my seven-year-old after a few pages, so she wouldn't become confused.

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