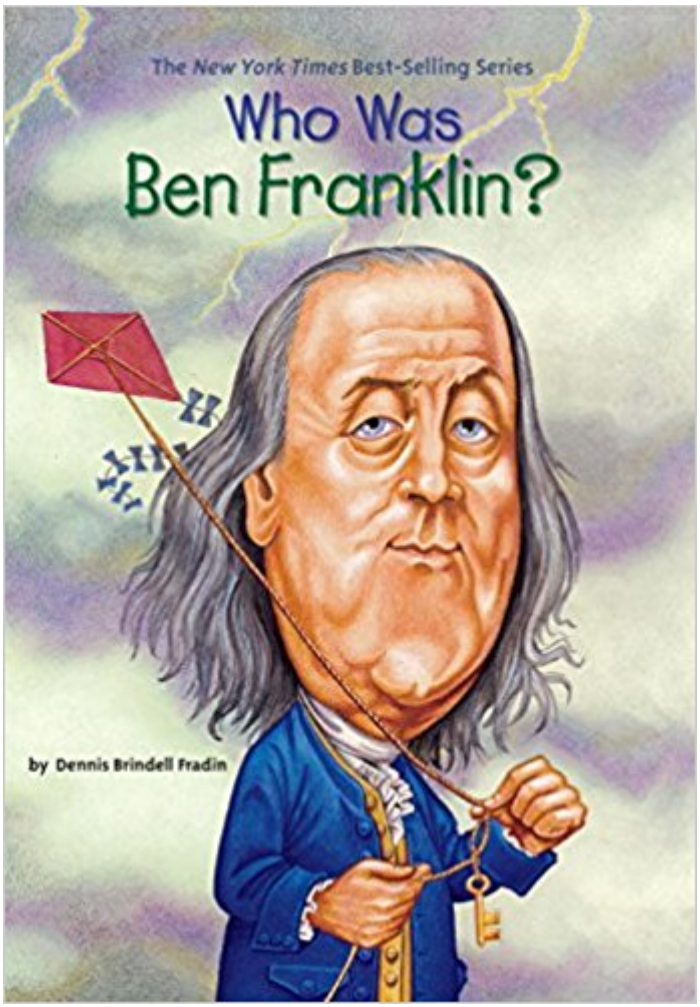
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Franklin’s childhood growing up as one of 17 children and his relationship with his son William who stayed loyal to England during the War for Independence add an interesting personal dimension. Readers are left with an impression of a man of almost unfathomable genius whose many astonishing contributions to American culture, politics, society, and science still profoundly affect us. O’Brien’s black-and-white amusing cartoon illustrations are an effective complement to the lighthearted text. A fun, informative introductory biography that will inspire many readers to learn more about this fascinating man.Edward Sullivan, White Pine School, TN Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Daughter loves the book, nice addition to the "Who Was" series

I am happy with my purchase

I bought this for my 7 year-old daughter prior to a trip to Washington D.C. The books are for a more advanced reader then a 1st grader, but contains engaging stories, historical facts and drawings. My daughter enjoys having these books read to her! It’s a win-win situation having her learn about the history of the U.S. and having fun at the same time.

I love this series and buy them all. I always learn something, and it’s great for kids. I have them read the relevant books before any trips we take (we went to Boston, so we read all of the books in this series on the Founding Fathers and Revolutionary War before we went and did the Freedom Trail).

Not a historical masterpiece, but the joyful and youthful introduction to young readers of this extraordinary American icon.Fun tidbits to share in a beginning reader format. Just like the huge head and diminished belly, not a "World Book" reference. This is not a resource for high school or college term papers, but a joyful storytelling to get young readers interested in the Kite guy. Will use to supplement material for elementary school storytelling and presentations, along with several other elementary biographies.

My 8 yr old Son had to read this for his summer project.He enjoyed it and connected with history.

I bought these for my third grade classroom. They are great for the biography genre and then to use for report writing. The three years I've used them so far the kids LOVED them. Easy for their reading levels, informative, and people they have heard of in their lives. They would read their own and then read other that they had heard of. Could have left these books out 1/2 year and they would have still been reading them.

The lacked detail about Benjamin FranklinI would recommend this for a younger person!I like to read about people who are iinnovators

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