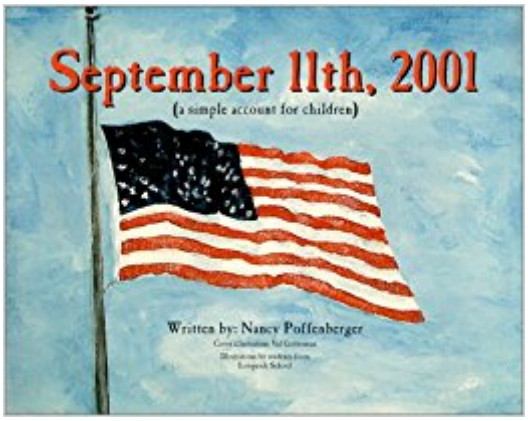
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PreS-Gr. 2. No doubt there will be many books about September 11, but at the moment, there is very little written for young children, who, despite their age, may have many questions about what they saw and heard. This book has some significant flaws, but it gives a straightforward account of the events, and the illustrations, by grade-school children, personalize the text. The book begins at 9:00 in the morning; as people were arriving at work, "an airplane flew right into one of the two towers of a place called the World Trade Center." As long as the book sticks to the facts, it's pretty good, but complicated issues are sometimes too simplified. For instance, throughout Poffenberger refers to the groups "trying to hurt us" as "the Terrorists," always using quotation marks and a capital T. She does eventually give a fairly good explanation of what terrorists believe (they don't like the way we live, and we have too many religions). How and why "these people want to take over the world," however, needs more explanation, and even though one illustration shows a church, a synagogue, and a mosque, the text notes that after 9/11, people went to "church" services. Better things will come along, but this will fill a niche in some libraries. Ilene CooperCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

Namcy Poffenberger's book, September 11th, 2001, was excellently written in a very

straightforward, matter-of-fact manner for young children. It doesn't try to politicize or dramatize 9-11, or place blame, like so many other writers have done. Talking to children about the horrors that occured on 9-11 with this book in hand (illustrated BY children) is a gift in itself. This book tells what happened; it is educational and unbiased. Highly recommended for teachers.

This book is not really for children but more for Ms. Poffenberger own purpose. She is basically sharing his ideas and I think she wrote this book for herself. This book i think does not communicate with a child because nothing is explained at all but simply stated. Would i buy this book and let a child read it? Nope, i would not.

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