

Dk Biography Harry Houdini Dk Biography Paperback

Forbidden to make images, fourteen-year-old Tao, the boy with the bad foot, yearns to be a cave painter, recording the figures of the mammals, rhinos, bison, and other animals of his prehistoric times.

An exciting biography about the man who changed Florida's east coast with his hotels and his Florida East Coast Railway Henry Morrison Flagler was already a millionaire when he first visited Florida in 1878. He liked what he saw. He came back and built railroads along the east coast so that others could more easily travel there; And he built grand hotels so that those who came had a beautiful place to stay. By the end of his long and productive life, he had built a railroad all the way to the very end of the Florida Keys. It arrived in Key West in 1912. Henry Flagler was very determined and practical. He met all the great challenges he set for himself. "It is no exaggeration to say that Henry Flagler `invented' modern Florida. And, Henry Flagler, Builder of Florida provides a wonderful account of just how he did it." ---John M. Blades, Executive Director of the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum.

Journey through a mammoth timeline, richly illustrated with over 1,500 photos, maps, and illustrations. Written in association with the esteemed Smithsonian Institution. A beautiful visual reference book with key events of world history, written in an elementary language for budding historians. Take chronological steps through human history, starting long before we even began to write. Learn about significant global events like the rise of different societies, revolutions, invasions, and new discoveries. Meet the most memorable people from the history books. The charismatic leaders, brutal dictators, influential thinkers, and innovative scientists from all around the globe. Written with kids ages 9 to 12 in mind, this book uses unpretentious language and gives straightforward fun facts. The "Child Of The Time" feature encourages young people to imagine themselves in the past and lets them know that children had a place in history. Older readers will love this engaging educational book too! Dive in and discover the parts of the past you haven't yet discovered. The multitude of photos, maps, and graphics make reading about history simple and enjoyable. This visual reference guide provides the reader with an overview of the most fascinating events in history, with concise and bite-sized information. Follow the timeline from our most distant past, all the way through to recent events that you may still remember happening! The History Of The World, From The Stone Age To The Digital Age Go beyond American history and explore the world in this modern twist on an old-fashioned history book. It is easier to follow, organized along a timeline with photos of archaeological artifacts, old maps, and exciting pictures. You won't just read about world history. You'll see it too, right from your armchair. Take a step back in time! - 6.5 MYA - 3000 BCE Before History Began - 3000 BCE - 700 BCE Really Ancient History - 700 BCE - 500 CE Much More Civilization - 500 - 1450 The Marvelous Middle Ages - 1450 - 1750 Exploring and Reforming - 1750 - 1850 Time for Change - 1850 - 1945 Empires and World Wars - 1945 - Present Fast Forward

Presents the life and accomplishments of the Polish-born scientist whose studies of radioactivity lead to the discovery of two new elements, for which she received two Nobel Prizes.

Profiles over one hundred of the world's most influential inventors, and describes the origins of such everyday items as the ballpoint pen, eraser, sandwich, and zipper.

Chronicles the life and career of the legendary Harry Houdini

Matthais grows from a little boy to a grandfather on a small island off the coast of New England.

Recounts the efforts of Jews who organized others and sabotaged the Nazis during the Holocaust, including Georges Loinger who smuggled children from occupied France into Switzerland and four brothers who led refugees into the forest to build a village and an army.

A biography of Harry Houdini, who became famous as America's most famous escape artist and magician.

HARRY HOUDINI: A Harry Houdini Biography Even today, almost a hundred years after his death, Harry Houdini is known all the world over as a great magician and escapologist. However there was much more to the man. He was also a master publicist, an innovator and inventor. Born into a Jewish family in late 19th century Hungary Harry Houdini, or Ehrich Weisz to use his birth name, emigrated as a young child, with his family, to the United States of America. There they hoped to find a better life. However, like many immigrant families the Weisz family found only poverty and hardship. However through hard work and determination Harry Houdini was able to carve out a better place for himself and his family. With the help of his dear wife Bess Houdini became arguably the worlds most famous magician.

Based on contemporary reports and diaries, with historic photographs and period posters, Houdini is an intriguing biography of the world's greatest magician and escape artist. Ninety years after his death, this book from the Oxford People series brings both the man and his magic back to life again for one last performance. In the early 1900s, Houdini's handcuff show was a huge sensation that toured the best venues in the USA and Europe, and when audiences demanded more, he introduced straight-jackets, water-filled tanks, and nailed shut packing crates. His outdoor spectacles became increasingly elaborate. In the early winter of 1906, he leaped manacled from the MacArthur Bridge in Detroit, Michigan, freeing himself from two pairs of handcuffs beneath the icy waters. Houdini's mega-star status allowed him to fly airplanes, star in his own movies, write and publish his own books, and even become president of the Society of American Magicians. This biography is an authoritative view from accomplished biographer Charlotte Montague, and belongs on the shelf of any lover of magic, escape artistry, and enigmatic figures.

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"In the late 1970s, grain prices had tanked, farm auction notices filled newspapers, and people had forgotten that food didn't grow in grocery stores. So, on February 5, 1979, thousands of tractors from all parts of the US flooded Washington, DC, in protest.

Author Lindsay H. Metcalf, a journalist who grew up on a family farm, shares this rarely told story of grassroots perseverance and economic justice. In 1979, US farmers traveled to Washington, DC to protest unfair prices for their products. Farmers wanted fair prices for their products and demanded action from Congress. After police corralled the tractors on the National Mall, the farmers and their tractors stayed through a snowstorm and dug out the city. Americans were now convinced they needed farmers, but the law took longer. Boldly told and highlighted with stunning archival images, this is the story of the struggle and triumph of the American farmer that still resonates today."--Provided by publisher.

Kids love magic. They love to see it, and they love to do it. Enter Joshua Jay, who started doing magic when he was 7 and was named champion at the World Magic Seminar (the Olympics of magic) by the time he was 16. His *Big Magic for Little Hands* is packed with 25 astonishing illusions for kids ages 7 and up. In other words, it's sleight of hand for the small of hand. These are tricks that require little prep time and dexterity yet are guaranteed to deliver a big payoff. The large format, oversized ext, and black-and-white vintage-style illustrations make *Big Magic* particularly easy to follow and kid-friendly. Here's how to levitate your sibling several feet off a bed. Escape Houdini-like from tightly bound ropes. There are also impromptu effects that can be performed anytime, anywhere, like *Spook-Key*, in which an antique key mysteriously rotates in your hand. Each easy-to-perform feat is clearly illustrated with step-by-step drawings and accompanied by insider tips. Joshua Jay is a master who guides his apprentices through every aspect of the magician's art, from the first step—taking the Magician's Oath—to how to minimize nervousness (Rule #1: Rehearse. A lot).

He was born "black, poor, and lucky." The glowing story of "Satchmo"—the great jazz musician, Louis Armstrong. Louis Armstrong has been called the most important improviser in the history of jazz. Although his New Orleans neighborhood was poor in nearly everything else, it was rich in superb music. Young Louis took it all in, especially the cornet blowing of Joe "King" Oliver. But after a run-in with the police, 11-year-old Louis was sent away to the Colored Waif's Home for Boys where he became a disciplined musician in the school's revered marching band. Ultimately, he was to travel the world from Chicago to Paris and would transform jazz through his improvised singing ("scatting") and masterful trumpet playing. He played with Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, and other jazz greats of his day. Armstrong was the first African-American man to host a national radio show, and the first jazz musician to write an autobiography. This is a joyful tribute to the virtuoso musician and buoyant personality who introduced much of the world to jazz. The author's note includes a detailed biography and resources to learn more about Louis Armstrong and jazz.

From Pytheas the Greek, who sailed to the Arctic Circle without a compass, to Neil Armstrong landing on the moon, here are 14 extraordinary journeys by land, sea and air - each remarkable for the way it was made, for the technology behind it, and for the inspiration it gave to future generations. Storytelling, fold-out cross sections, detailed maps and technical drawings enable readers to experience the excitement of exploration.

A biography of the great Civil War president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, including illustrations of people, places, and artifacts of the times.

Every kid has heard of Harry Houdini, the famous magician who could escape from handcuffs, jail cells, and locked trunks. But do they know that the ever-ambitious and adventurous Houdini was also a famous movie star and the first pilot to fly a plane in Australia? This well-told biography is full of the details of Houdini's life that kids will really want to know about and illustrated throughout with beautiful black-and-white line drawings. Illustrated by John O'Brien.

An up-close look at World War I examines life in the trenches and the devastation of Europe by the Great War.

Did you know...John F.Kennedy was not a good pupil, although he was a voracious reader and his teachers thought he was really clever. Learn all about President Kennedy's amazing term as the most powerful man in the world and the stories behind his assassination. Whether you need some extra help for a school project or just want to find out more, this book will tell you all you need to know about John F.Kennedy's incredible life.

The Newbery Medal-winning book for young readers presents "a human portrait of a politician honorably confronting the most vexing issues of his era" (The New York Times Book Review). Abraham Lincoln stood out in a crowd as much for his wit and rollicking humor as for his height. This Newbery Medal-winning biography of our Civil War president is warm, appealing, and illustrated with dozens of carefully chosen photographs and prints. Russell Freedman begins with a lively account of Abraham Lincoln's boyhood, his career as a country lawyer, and his courtship and marriage to Mary Todd. Then the author focuses on Lincoln's presidency, skillfully explaining the many complex issues he grappled with as he led a deeply divided nation through the Civil War. The book's final chapter is a moving account of his tragic death at Ford's Theatre on April 14, 1865. The volume concludes with a sampling of Lincoln writings and a detailed list of Lincoln historical sites. "Few, if any, of the many books written for children about Lincoln can compare with Freedman's contribution...This is an outstanding example of what (juvenile) biography can be. Like Lincoln himself, it stands head and shoulders above its competition." —School Library Journal Describes the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence as well as the personalities and politics behind its framing. By the author of the Newbery Honor book, *The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane*. Reprint.

Describes the archaeological excavation of Qin shi huang's tomb in China, which housed over two thousand life-sized terra-cotta soldiers, and explains why the emperor created this tomb and what it signified.

Describes the panic induced when listeners believed Orson Welles' radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" to be news of an alien invasion, discussing the context in which the broadcast was aired and why it was so convincing.

Harry HoudiniDK Children

Discusses the life, marriage, and tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

With evocative black-and-white illustrations and moving prose, readers are introduced to jazz-music legend and civil-rights activist Nina Simone. A stunning picture-book biography of the High Priestess of Soul and one of the greatest voices of the 20th century. Shared as a lullaby to her daughter, a soulful song recounts Simone's career, the trials she faced as an African American woman, and the stand she took during the Civil Rights Movement. This poignant picture book offers a melodic tale that is both a historic account of an iconic figure and an extraordinary look at how far we've come and how far we still need to go for social justice and equality. A timeless and timely message aptly appropriate for today's social and political climates. ? "A good introduction to Simone's life, from her early love of music to her rise to the status of legend" —Kirkus Reviews, starred review ? "Strikingly illustrated" —Booklist, starred review ? "Hauntingly beautiful illustrations" —Foreword Reviews, starred review "Stirring and powerful. . ." —BookPage

Presents the life of Barack Obama, including his childhood in the United States and abroad, careers as a community organizer and lawyer, and election as the forty-fourth president in 2008.

In 1963 Jane Yolen released a book called *PIRATES IN PETTICOATS*, because the idea of women as pirates fascinated her--but there wasn't much information about these women who made their livelihoods plundering on the high seas. Scholars have dug up a bounty of new

information since then, and Jane, still fascinated, revisits the ladies who loot. Discover such great pirates as Artemisia, the Admiral Queen of Persia who sailed the seas from 500 to 480 BC. At one point there was a 10,000 drachma prize for anyone who could capture her. There was Rachel Wall, who ran away from her strict upbringing and became a murderous pirate terrorizing the waters of the Atlantic coastline of America. She was hanged for her deeds. Possibly the most famous woman pirate of all was Grania O'Malley, daughter of an Irish chieftain. She plagued the English and was arrested several times, always gaining her freedom to pirate some more. Meet ten other female pirates on their ships, in battle, and in disguise in this intriguing look at the wayward women of the waves. Christine Joy Pratt's pen-and-ink illustrations are alive with action and excitement. Here be a true and accurate account of the most low-down, scurviest--but the prettiest--black-hearted pirates you'll ever love to read about.

In a moving, lyrical tale about the cost and fragility of freedom, a New York Times best-selling author and an acclaimed artist follow the life of a man who courageously shipped himself out of slavery. What have I to fear? My master broke every promise to me. I lost my beloved wife and our dear children. All, sold South. Neither my time nor my body is mine. The breath of life is all I have to lose. And bondage is suffocating me. Henry Brown wrote that, long before he came to be known as Box, he "entered the world a slave." He was put to work as a child and passed down from one generation to the next — as property. When he was an adult, his wife and children were sold away from him out of spite. Henry Brown watched as his family left bound in chains, headed to the deeper South. What more could be taken from him? But then hope — and help — came in the form of the Underground Railroad. Escape! In stanzas of six lines each, each line representing one side of a box, celebrated poet Carole Boston Weatherford powerfully narrates Henry Brown's story of how he came to send himself in a box from slavery to freedom. Strikingly illustrated in rich hues and patterns by artist Michele Wood, *Box* is augmented with historical records and an introductory excerpt from Henry's own writing as well as a time line, notes from the author, and a bibliography.

Learn the secret of magic and put on your own astounding magic show with these 20 step-by-step magic tricks to try at home *The Children's Book of Magic* demystifies the mystical by tracing the history of magic from ancient Egypt to the present day exploring the secrets behind some of the greatest magicians from Harry Houdini to Albertus Magnus. From coin tricks to sleight of hand *The Children's Book of Magic* explains the best magic tricks for kids through engaging step-by-step sequences helping you master the perfect trick. With 8 schools of magic and 20 magic tricks inside, you'll learn how to cut a person in half, make objects levitate or even disappear! You'll be well on your way to becoming the world's best magician and putting on your very own magic show! Dive in and discover amazing magic tricks from the secrets of sleight of hand to captivating card tricks and the mysteries of misdirection for your own magic show.

This children's book explores the innermost workings of some extraordinary buildings and machines. From helicopters to submarines, skyscrapers to coal mines, open up a fascinating world packed with unique and detailed cutaway drawings. Whether it's a Spanish galleon or a medieval castle, each cross-section slice or exploded view reveals what's going on inside. See the people swarming inside the Empire State Building, the workers busy backstage at the opera house, and where the crew sleeps on a jumbo jet. Included also are two impressive foldouts showing an ocean liner and a steam train. There are lots of fun facts to be discovered, and curious details are highlighted and explained. Did you know one of the funnels of the Queen Mary liner was fake and used for storing deckchairs? And in almost every scene, there's the challenge to find a man on the toilet! With more than a million copies sold, Stephen Biesty's award-winning illustrated book is as fascinating today as it was when first published in 1992. *Incredible Cross-Sections* is the ultimate way to see how things work.

The exciting true story of the captancy, wreck, and discovery of the *Whydah* — the only pirate ship ever found — and the incredible mysteries it revealed. The 1650s to the 1730s marked the golden age of piracy, when fearsome pirates like Blackbeard ruled the waves, seeking not only treasure but also large and fast ships to carry it. The *Whydah* was just such a ship, built to ply the Triangular Trade route, which it did until one of the greediest pirates of all, Black Sam Bellamy, commandeered it. Filling the ship to capacity with treasure, Bellamy hoped to retire with his bounty — but in 1717 the ship sank in a storm off Cape Cod. For more than two hundred years, the wreck of the *Whydah* (and the riches that went down with it) eluded treasure seekers, until the ship was finally found in 1984 by marine archaeologists. The artifacts brought up from the ocean floor are priceless, both in value and in the picture they reveal of life in that much-mythologized era, changing much of what we know about pirates.

Harry Houdini was a great escape artist, but perhaps his greatest trick was becoming the famous magician that we have come to know. As a child, Houdini worked hard--and even quit school--to help support his family. But his dream always was to become a great magician and performer. He practiced day and night, thinking up new tricks and more and more dangerous stunts. His intense ambition paid off, and soon Harry Houdini became known worldwide! This kid-appealing Step 3 traces Houdini's life from his poor beginnings to his eventual success as the most famous mystical magician and escape artist of all time.

"Join Jack and Annie as they as they meet one of the world's most famous illusionists - Harry Houdini!"--

Examines the life and accomplishments of undersea explorer, scientist, filmmaker, sailor, and inventor of the aqualung.

Joe Posnanski enters the colorful world of Harry Houdini and his legions of devoted fans to explore the illusionist's impact on global culture—and why his legacy endures to this day. Nearly a century after Harry Houdini died on Halloween in 1926, he feels as modern and alive as ever. The name Houdini still leaps to mind whenever we witness a daring escape. The baby who frees herself from her crib? Houdini. The dog who vanishes and reappears in the neighbor's garden? Houdini. Every generation produces new disciples of the magician, from household names in magic like David Copperfield and David Blaine to countless other followers whose lives have been transformed by the power of Houdini. In rural Pennsylvania, a thirteen-year-old girl finds the courage to leave a violent home after learning that Houdini ran away to join the circus; she eventually becomes the first female magician to saw a man in half on television. In Australia, an eight-year-old boy with a learning impediment feels worthless until he sees an old poster of Houdini advertising "Nothing on earth can hold Houdini prisoner," and begins his path to becoming that nation's most popular magician. In California, an actor and Vietnam War veteran finds purpose in his life by uncovering the secrets of his hero. But the unique phenomenon of Houdini was always more than his death-defying stunts or his ability to escape handcuffs and straitjackets. It is also about the power of imagination and self-invention. His incredible transformation from Ehrich Weiss, humble Hungarian immigrant and rabbi's son, into the self-named Harry Houdini has won him a slice of immortality. No one has withstood the test of time quite like Houdini. Fueled by Posnanski's personal obsession with the magician—and magic itself—*The Life and Afterlife of Harry Houdini* is a poignant odyssey of discovery, blending biography, memoir, and first-person reporting to trace Houdini's metamorphosis into an iconic figure who has inspired millions.

A biography of the civil rights leader, covering his childhood, leadership, powerful speeches, assassination, and greatest influences.

Presents the life of the Hungarian magician, including illustrations of people, places, and artifacts of the times in which he lived.

Using exclusive access to newly uncovered archives, Kalush and Sloman reveal the clandestine agreements in which the

British and Americans recruited Houdini to be an active secret agent. In exchange for his cooperation, the governments of these two countries facilitated his rise to the top of the world stage. The authors give thrilling accounts of his assignments, such as his participation in early aerial surveillance and his use of his own magic magazine to communicate espionage-related information. After the war, Houdini embarked upon what became his most dangerous mission when he took on the Spiritualist movement. Convinced that Spiritualist mediums were frauds, he became obsessed with exposing them. But the Spiritualists were a powerful adversary. An organized network of fanatics, led by Sherlock Holmes creator Arthur Conan Doyle, worked relentlessly to orchestrate a campaign that would silence Houdini forever. Grounded in solid research, but as exciting and dramatic as a good thriller, **THE SECRET LIFE OF HOUDINI** traces the magician's long and circuitous route from struggling vaudevillian to worldwide legend.

A collection of whimsical true encounters between famous and infamous individuals describes the unlikely meetings of Marilyn Monroe with Frank Lloyd Wright, Michael Jackson with Nancy Reagan, and Sigmund Freud with Gustav Mahler.

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