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St. Patrick's Day



Synopsis

In addition to the story of St. Patrick's life, here is information about how St. Patrick's Day is celebrated. There are decorations from shamrocks to shillelaghs. People give cards, share meals, and wear green to honor Ireland, the Emerald Isle. And there are parades! Included are six legends about Patrick. Full color.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

This book gives a thorough, yet simple explanation about St. Patrick's Day. Each page has beautiful illustrations and one to three sentences. It gives a simple 2 page intro, then spends 7 pages about who Saint Patrick was, then 14 pages of all the ways people celebrate/symbols (church, leprechauns, shillelagh, harp, cards, sweets, flowers, plays, meal, parties, and parades), then two pages on celebrating it in the US, and then 3 pages of legends about Saint Patrick. A great introduction for young children.

During holiday seasons when I taught preschool, I always tried to find the best books possible that explained the origins of the holiday, why it is celebrated, and how people celebrate the holiday today. For St. Patrick's Day, Gail Gibbons ST. PATRICK'S DAY is the best book I have ever come across that gives a thorough explanation of the holiday for young children. The first part of the book

explains who St. Patrick was and why St. Patrick's Day is celebrated. The last part of the book describes ways the people (especially in the United States) celebrate the holiday and the meaning of some of the symbols. There is also a kind of epilogue to the main story that briefly describes some of the legends about St. Patrick. Each page of the book only has a few, simple, straight-forward, and easy to read sentences accompanied with large and playful illustrations. Highly recommended for anyone who wants to explain to young children about St. Patrick's Day.

This is a beautifully illustrated, well written, story about the life of St. Patrick and descriptions of how and why we celebrate this holiday. My daughter is very interested in her Irish heritage and read it to her Kindergarten class this year. It was a hit!

Cute book. Gibbons always delivers when it comes to informational text that is usable with young readers/learners. Every student who heard this book liked it, and it's a great way to introduce this author to the kids. I twinned this with the DePaolo book that was historical fiction and found the kids loved both and got different information from each.

I first bought this book over 6 years ago when my older son was 5. We loved reading it together & we shared it with some friends from overseas so that they would know how American's celebrate St Patrick's Day. I'm actually buying the book again for my two younger children this year to give as a gift. They may be a little young for it now but I believe they will grow to love it like their older brother & I love the idea of reading it as part of our family holiday traditions. Really a great Gail Gibbons book. (My two year old really enjoys Gail Gibbons Thanksgiving book.)

Oh this is just the cutest book to help you child learn more about St Patricks Day! The art is well done and I like that it covers the history and new traditions and the biblical meaning behind the clover. This has become a favorite book even weeks after the holiday! My son is 5 and loved it and had many questions it was super cute and really helped him learn visually about the holiday.

So, I'm not gonna lie.I'm a mother of a 3.5 year old and I never knew who St Patrick was and what the importance of the day was. I thought it was for a bunch of drunks to soak themselves in vomit and green beer while other families make corned beef and cabbage....Boy was I far from the truth and have a totally different outlook on St Patricks Day now that I know the meaning behind the day and the person.

All of her books are wonderful about the origin of holidays and how today's traditions come from those beginnings. Her other holiday books also do a great job in combining religious and secular traditions. I have bought all of her holiday books because they teach ME things I never knew about those holidays (and I'm Irish!). I have all her holiday books and as my kids get older, I will buy her books on other subjects if my children show interest in those areas. I really hope she writes a 4th of July book.

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