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Lady Liberty: Candlewick Biographies: A Biography



Synopsis

A powerfully moving, authentic portrait of the Statue of Liberty, told through the eyes of those who created her and illustrated in glorious detail. "Soon America will be one hundred years old. I share my dream of a birthday gift." It begins in 1865 as a romantic idea, but ten years later Édouard Laboulaye's dream catches fire and takes shape. Sculptor Auguste Bartholdi gives the dream the form of a lady, holding a torch to "enlighten the world." Engineers, plasterers, carpenters, coppersmiths — many of them immigrants — work together to turn the lady into a monument over 100 feet tall. Joseph Pulitzer calls on readers to help fund a pedestal, and hundreds send in nickels, dimes, and even roosters for the cause. Doreen Rappaport's historically accurate, poetic vignettes and Matt Tavares's magnificent images remind us of the true origins of a national symbol — and show that it took a lot of people to make the Lady.

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Customer Reviews

Doreen Rappaport has written many books for young readers, including an acclaimed trilogy about the African-American experience: NO MORE!, FREE AT LAST!, and NOBODY GONNA TURN ME 'ROUND, all illustrated by Shane W. Evans. She is also the author of MARTIN'S BIG WORDS: THE

LIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., illustrated by Bryan Collier. She lives in Copake Falls, New York. Matt Tavares is the illustrator of IRON HANS: A GRIMMS' FAIRY TALE, retold by Stephen Mitchell; JACK AND THE BEANSTALK, retold by E. Nesbit; and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. He has also written and illustrated three books inspired by baseball: MUDBALL, OLIVER'S GAME, and ZACHARY'S BALL. Matt Tavares lives in Ogunquit, Maine.

I am sure many Americans know about the Statue of Liberty, but how many of us understand the history behind this gift from the French people in 1884. I know I learned so much reading this book. Doreen Rappaport writes an excellent story to share with children or to be read by older children. She introduces you to many of the people who were important to the building of Lady Liberty. Did you know Edouard De Laboulaye, a professor of law, formed the idea and Auguste Bartholdi was the sculptor? Did you know it took 10 years to create Lady Liberty? You will be introduced to others and Americans who helped raise money to assist the French in making this landmark a reality. I think we owe it to our children to help them learn the history of our great country and the connection that France and the United States have had since the Revolutionary War.*I received this for review - all opinions are my own*

Lady Liberty is a beautifully illustrated story about a few of the thousands of people who contributed in some way, great or small, to make this beautiful monument and symbol of freedom come to fruition. Each page has a brief telling from the point of view of the person with the original concept, the designer, frame workers, foundation layers, fundraisers, promoters, and newly arriving immigrants. This would be a nice addition to any school or public library.

it is recommend. fast shipping, good memory. a gift to my brother , Beyond what I expected! The price made it that much better... The seller was great he reached out to me asking how I liked the item and I felt he was genuinely caring what my opinion . Great product

For the age group the content of this book is OK and I like the focus on what was happening on both sides of the Atlantic. The part on the drive to get the money for the base was also good. Unfortunately the illustrations were not very inspiring. I'd call them adequate but not memorable so a solid text is muted a bit by the rest of the package. Also there are quite a few other books that deal with this topic so there are alternatives with better art. Book provided by publisher.

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