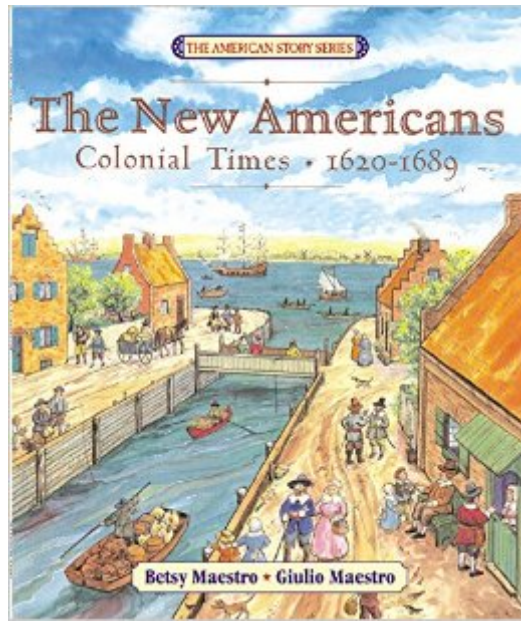


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The New Americans: Colonial Times: 1620-1689 (The American Story)



Synopsis

This ongoing series introduces our country's history to young readers in an appealing picture-book format. Clear, simple texts combine with informative, accurate illustrations to help young people develop an understanding of America's past and present. The New Americans is the story of the colonists -- the more than two hundred thousand new Americans -- who came over from Europe and struggled to build a home for themselves in a new world.

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 7

Customer Reviews

I got this book for my 8 year old son. The graphics are beautiful and the story is thorough in its telling of the American story, perhaps too thorough for his age group. My son is still learning the details of what happened to form this country on a grand scale. He wasn't quite ready for the details that are included in this book. Other children who already have a good grasp on American history would be ready for more details, however, and may not agree with this assessment. So all in all it is a very good book. I think the "picture book" quality of the book is beguiling. I'm thinking now that the text is great for my 11 year old, while the art work is a feast for the eyes for my younger children.

For most school children, American Colonial history starts with the founding of Plymouth in 1620 and then fast forwards to 1775 and the beginning of the American Revolution. That is 155 years of important American history that is usually ignored. Fortunately, Betsy Maestro covers this formative period in two books, "The New Americans" and "Struggle for a Continent: The French and Indian Wars". Betsy Maestro is a very clear writer and tells what could be a complicated story in a manner appropriate for young children. In addition, she is as "unbiased" as you could hope for in a book like this. The only downside with this book are the illustrations. I found Giulio Maestro's illustrations to be amateurish and out of scale. But having said that, my nine year old son was fine with Maestro's illustrations. Betsy Maestro's "The American Story" series is really well written. I will be purchasing all of the books in the series. This series does a great job of introducing American history to young children in a thoughtful and measured manner. My sense is that in time, this series will become a classic of children's historical non-fiction. Highly recommended.

Maestro covers the period of Colonialization in an inclusive manner. I feel that she did an excellent job of including multiple perspectives of all people involved in the colonization period. Native Americans and their interaction with European settlers are highlighted on most every page of the book. The colorful pictures and maps help to guide the reader to a better understanding of the period. Like the other two Maestro text it is quite comprehensive. It could easily be used to replace the traditional textbook. But I find that since it is so comprehensive, I probably wouldn't use it with the Exploration & Conquest text because of the length of each.

I came across one book by Betsy Maestro "The Discovery of the Americas" and I loved it. The text is simple and the illustrations are great. It is historically accurate as well, a must in my checklist. I didn't realize she also wrote the historical series "You Wouldn't Want to..." They are my favorite!! I recommend all of her books, especially for teachers. This is a great book to read for the 4th of July!

Excellent illustrations on each page and very good maps. Provides a concise story of the first settlers in North America and how the different European countries battled for control of this new continent.

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