Childhood of Famous Americans
Biographies Reading List

Historical Biographies for Little Ones

Here is the series that Jimmy and I love! It focuses on the childhood of Americans who have made a difference in our nation.

I read these books when I was in elementary school—checking them out from the library until I had read every last one. When my son didn't like to read, we found that this series was interesting for him.

When it comes to these books, go for the old! Look for the older versions at library sales, thrift stores, used book stores, and online.

- Abigail Adams, A Girl of Colonial Days by Jean Brown Wagoner
- John Quincy Adams, Boy Patriot by Anne Weil
- Jane Addams, Little Lame Girl by Jean Brown Wagoner
- Louise Alcott, Girl of Old Boston by Jean Brown Wagoner
- John Alden, Young Puritan by Olive W. Burt
- Ethan Allen, Green Mountain Boy by Gertrude Hecker Winders
- Louis Armstrong, Young Music Maker by Dharathula Millender
- Neil Armstrong, Young Flier by Montre Dunham
- John Jacob Astor, Boy Trader by Dorothy S. Anderson
- Crispus Attucks, Boy of Valor by Dharathula Millender
- Young John Audubon, Boy Naturalist by Miriam E. Mason
- P. T. Barnum, Circus Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- Ethel Barrymore, Girl Actress by Shirlee P. Newman
- Clara Barton, Girl Nurse by Augusta Stevenson
- Bernard Baruch, Boy from South Carolina by Joann Landers Henry
- Katharine Lee Bates, Girl Poet by Elisabeth P. Myers
- Dan Beard, Boy Scout by Miriam E. Mason
- Clyde Beatty, Boy Animal Trainer by Katharine E. Wilkie
- Aleck Bell, Ingenious Boy by Mabel Cleland Widdemer
- Black Hawk, Young Sauk Warrior by Catherine Seward Cleven
- Edward Bok, Young Editor by Elisabeth P. Myers
- Daniel Boone, Boy Hunter by Augusta Stevenson
- Gail Borden, Resourceful Boy by Adrian Paradis
- Jim Bowie, Boy with A Hunting Knife by Getrude Hecker Winders
- William Bradford, Pilgrim Boy by Bradford Smith
- Anne Bradstreet, Young Puritan by Montrew Dunham
- Jim Bridger, Mountain Boy by Gertrude Hecker Winders
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- Buffalo Bill, Boy of the Plains by Augusta Stevenson
- Pearl S. Buck, Literary Girl by Elisabeth P. Myers
- Luther Burbank, Boy Wizard by Olive W. Burt
- John Burroughs, Boy of Field and Stream by Lucy Post Frisbee
- Richard Byrd, Boy Who Braved the Unknown by Guernsey Van Riper, Jr.
- Andrew Carnegie, Young Steelmaker by Joanne Landers Henry
- Kit Carson, Boy Trapper by Augusta Stevenson
- George Carver, Boy Scientist by Augusta Stevenson
- Walter Chrysler, Boy Machinist by Ethel H. Weddle
- George Rogers Clark, Boy of the Old Northwest by Katharine E. Wilkie
- Will Clark, Boy in Buckskins by Katharine E. Wilkie
- Henry Clay, Young Kentucky Orator by Helen Albee Monsell
- DeWitt Clinton, Boy Builder by Mabel Cleland Widdemer
- Roberto Clemente, Young Ball Player by Montrow Dunham
- George M. Cohan, Boy Theater Genius by Gertrude Hecker Winders
- James Fenimore Cooper, Leatherstocking Boy by Gertrude Hecker Winders
- Lotta Crabtree, Gold Rush Girl by Marian T. Place
- Davy Crockett, Young Rifleman by Aileen Wells Parks
- George Custer, Boy of Action by Augusta Stevenson
- Virginia Dare Mystery Girl by Augusta Stevenson
- Jeff Davis, Confederate Boy by Lena Young deGrummond & Lynn deGrummond Delaune
- Stephen Decatur, Gallant Boy by Bradford Smith
- John Deere, Blacksmith Boy by Margaret Bare
- Lee DeForest, Electronics Boy by Lavina Dobler
- Cecil B. DeMille, Young Dramatist by Hortense Myers & Ruth Burnett
- George Dewey, Vermont Boy by Laura Long
- Babe Didrickson, Girl Athlete by Lena Young deGrummond & Lynn deGrummond Delaune
- Joe DiMaggio, Young Sports Hero by Herb Dunn
- Walt Disney, Young Movie Maker by Marie Hammontree
- Mary Mapes Dodge, Jolly Girl by Miriam E. Mason
- Abner Doubleday, Young Baseball Pioneer by Montrow Dunham
- Frederick Douglass, Boy Champion of Human Rights by Elisabeth P. Myers
- Amelia Earhart, Kansas Girl by Jane Moore Howe
- George Eastman, Young Photographer by Joann Landers Henry
- Tom Edison, Boy Inventor by Sue Guthridge
- Carl Ben Eielson, Young Alaskan Pilot by Hortense Myers & Ruth Burnett
- Albert Einstein, Young Thinker by Marie Hammontree
- Dwight D. Eisenhower, Young Military Leader by Wilma J. Hudson
- Duke Ellington, Young Music Master by Martha Schaaf
- William Fargo, Boy Mail Carrier by Katharine E. Wilkie
- David Farragut, Boy Midshipman by Laura Long
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- Eugene Field, Young Poet by Kathryn Borland & Helen Speicher
- Harvey S. Firestone, Young Rubber Pioneer by Adrian Paradis
- John Fitch, Steamboat Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- Henry Ford, Boy with Ideas by Hazel B. Aird & Catherine Ruddiman
- Bedford Forrest, Boy on Horseback by Aileen Wells Parks
- Stephen Foster, Boy Minstrel by Helen Boyd Higgins
- Ben Franklin, Printer's Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- Jessie Fremont, Girl of Capitol Hill by Jean Brown Wagoner
- Robert Frost, Boy with Promises to Keep by Ellen Wilson
- Robert Fulton, Boy Craftsman by Marguerite Henry
- Lou Gehrig, Boy of the Sand Lots by Guernsey Van Riper, Jr.
- George Gershwin, Young Composer by Bernice Bryant by Jean Brown Wagoner
- AP Giannini, Boy of San Francisco by Marie Hammontree
- Robert Goddard, Pioneer Rocket Boy by Clyde B. Moore
- U. S. Grant, Young Horseman by Augusta Stevenson
- Nathanael Greene, Independent Boy by Howard Peckham
- Virgil Grissom, Boy Astronaut by Carl L. Chappell
- Nathan Hale, Puritan Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- Alec Hamilton, The Little Lion by Helen Boyd Higgins
- John Hancock, New England Boy by Catherine Seward Cleven
- Nancy Hanks, Kentucky Girl by Augusta Stevenson
- Joel Chandler Harris, Young Storyteller by Ehtel H. Weddle
- William Henry Harrison, Young Tippercanoe by Howard Peckham
- Patrick Henry, Boy Spokesman by Thomas Frank Barton
- James J. Hill, Young Empire Builder by Mildred Houghton Comfort
- Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Boy of Justice by Montrew Dunham
- Herbert Hoover, Boy Engineer by Mildred Houghton Comfort
- Harry Houdini, Young Magician by Kathryn Kilby Borland
- Sam Houston, Boy Chieftain by Augusta Stevenson
- Elias Howe, Inventive Boy by Jean Corcoran
- Julia Ward Howe, Girl of Old New York by Jean Brown Wagoner
- Langston Hughes, Young Black Poet by Montrew Dunham
- Washington Irving, Boy of Old New York by Mabel Cleland Widdemer
- Andy Jackson, Boy Soldier by Augusta Stevenson
- Mahalia Jackson, Young Gospel Singer by Montrew Dunham
- Rachel Jackson, Tennessee Girl by Christina Noble Govan
- Young Stonewall: Tom Jackson by Helen Alee Monsell
- Tom Jefferson, A Boy in Colonial Days by Helen Alee Monsell
- Lyndon B. Johnson, Young Texan by Thomas Frank Barton
- John Paul Jones, Salt Water Boy by Dorothea J. Snow
- Chief Joseph, Boy of the Nez Perce by Olive W. Burt
- Helen Keller, Handicapped Girl by Katharine E. Wilkie
- John F. Kennedy, Young Statesman by Lucy Post Frisbee
- Simon Kenton, Young Trail Blazer by Katharine E. Wilkie
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- Francis Scott Key, Maryland Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Boy with a Dream by Dharathula H. Millender
- Robert E. Lee, Boy of Old Virginia by Helen Albee Monsell
- Meriwether Lewis, Boy Explorer by Charlotte M. Bebenroth
- Liliuokalani, Young Hawaiian Queen by Shirlee Petkin Newman
- Abe Lincoln, Frontier Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- Mary Todd Lincoln, Girl of the Bluegrass by Katharine E. Wilkie
- Robert Todd Lincoln, President's Boy by LaVere Anderson
- Vince Lombardi, Young Football Coach by Hortense Myers
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow by Grace Hathaway Melin
- Juliet Low, Girl Scout by Helen Boyd Higgins
- Douglas MacArthur, Young Protector by Laura M. Long
- Dolly Madison, Quaker Girl by Helen Albee Monsell
- Francis Marion, Young Swamp Fox by William O. Steele
- John Marshall, Boy of Young America by Helen Albee Monsell
- Thurgood Marshall, Young Justice by Montrew Dunham
- Glenn L. Martin, Boy Conqueror of the Air by R. W. Harley
- Will and Charlie Mayo, Doctor's Boys by Marie Hammontree
- Cyrus McCormick, Farmer's Boy by Lavinia Dobler
- William H. McGuffey, Boy Reading Genius by Barbara Williams
- Maria Mitchell, Girl Astronomer by Grace Hathaway Melin
- James Monroe, Good Neighbor Boy by Mabel Cleland Widdemer
- Dan Morgan, Boy of the Wilderness by Bernice Bryant
- Samuel Morse, Inquisitive Boy by Dorothea J. Snow
- J. Sterling Morton, Arbor Day Boy by Clyde B. Moore
- Lucretia Mott, Girl of Old Nantucket by Constance Buel Burnett
- John Muir, Young Naturalist by Montrew Dunham
- Edward R. Murrow, Young Newscaster by Hortense Myers & Ruth Burnett
- Annie Oakley, Little Sure Shot by Ellen Wilson
- James Olgethorpe, Young Defender by Aileen Wells Parks
- Osceola, Young Seminole Indian by Electa Clark
- Robert Peary, Boy of the North by Electa Clark
- William Pen, Friendly Boy by Miriam E. Mason
- J. C. Penney, Golden Rule Boy by Wilma J. Hudson
- Matthew Calbraith Perry, Boy Sailor by Alexander Scharbach
- Oliver Hazard Perry, Boy of the Sea by Laura Long
- Jean Felix Piccard, Boy Balloonist by Lena Young deGrummond & Lynn deGrummond Delaune
- Zeb Pike, Boy Traveler by Augusta Stevenson
- Allan Pinkerton, Young Detective by Kathryn Borland & Helen Speicher
- Molly Pitcher, Girl Patriot by Augusta Stevenson
- Pocahontas, Brave Girl by Flora Warren Seymour
- Pontiac, Young Ottawa Leader by Howard Henry Peckham
- George Pullman, Young Sleeping Car Builder by Elisabeth P. Myers
- Israel Putnam, Fearless Boy by Augusta Stevenson
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- Ernie Pyle, Boy From Back Home by Ellen Wilson
- Ronald Reagan, Young Politician by Montrew Dunham
- Walter Reed, Boy Who Wanted to Know by Helen Boyd Higgins
- Frederick Remington, Young Artist by Clyde B. Moore
- Paul Revere, Boy of Old Boston by Augusta Stevenson
- Eddie Rickenbacher, Young Race and Flyer by Catherine Cleven
- Hoosier Boy, James Whitcomb Riley by Minnie Belle Mitchell
- The Ringing Brothers, Circus Boys by Olive W. Burt
- Jackie Robinson, Young Sports Trailblazer by Herb Dunn
- Knute Rockne, Young Athlete by Guernsey Van Riper, Jr.
- Will Rogers, Young Cowboy by Guernsey Van Riper, Jr.
- Teddy Roosevelt, All-Round Boy by Edd Winfield Parks
- Betsy Ross, Girl of Old Philadelphia by Ann weil
- Babe Ruth, Baseball Boy by Guernsey Van Riper, Jr.
- Bird Girl: Sacagawea by Flora Warren Seymour
- Carl Sandburg, Young Singing Poet by Grace Hathaway Melin
- David Sarnoff, Radio and TV Boy by Elisabeth P. Myers
- Raphael Semmes, Tidewater Boy by Dorothea J. Snow
- Sequoyak, Young Cherokee by Dorothea J. Snow
- John Sevier, Pioneer Boy by William O. Steele
- Sitting Bull, Dakota Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- Young Jed Smith, Western Boy by Olive W. Burt
- John Smith, Jamestown Boy by Thomas Frank Barton
- John Philip Sousa, Marching Boy by Ann Weil
- Squanto, Young Indian Hunter by Augusta Stevenson
- Myles Standish, Adventurous Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Young Arctic Explorer by Hortense Myers & Ruth Burnett
- Harriet Beecher Stowe, Connecticut Girl by Mabel Cleland Widdemer
- Jeb Stuart, Boy in the Saddle by Gertrude Hecker Winders
- Peter Stuyvesant, Boy with Wooden Shoes by Mabel Cleland Widdemer
- Zach Taylor, Young Rough and Ready by Katharine E. Wilkie
- Tecumseh, Shawnee Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- Jim Thorpe, Indian Athlete by Guernsey Van Riper, Jr.
- Harry S. Truman, Missouri Farm Boy by Wilma J. Hudson
- Harriet Tubman, Freedom Girl by Gertrude Hecker Winders
- Mark Twain, Boy of Old Missouri by Miriam E. Mason
- Lew Wallace, Boy Writer by Martha E. Schaaf
- John Wanamaker, Boy Merchant by Olive W. Burt
- Booker T. Washington, Ambitious Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- George Washington, Boy Leader by Augusta Stevenson
- Martha Washington, Girl of Old Virginia by Jean Brown Wagoner
- Anthony Wayne, Daring Boy by Augusta Stevenson
- Dan Webster, Union Boy by Bradford Smith
- Noah Webster, Boy of Words by Helen Boyd Higgins
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- Benjamin West, Gifted Young Painter by Dorothea J. Snow
- George Westinghouse, Young Inventor by Montrew Dunham
- Phillis Wheatley, Young Colonial Poet by Kathryn Kilby Borland & Helen Ross Speicher
- Narcissa Whitman, Pioneer Girl by Ann Spence Warner
- Eli Whitney, Boy Mechanic by Jean Brown Wagoner
- Kate Douglas Wiggin, the Little Schoolteacher by Miriam E. Mason
- FW Woolworth, Five and Ten Boy by Elisabeth P. Myers
- Wilbur and Orville Wright, Boys with Wings by Augusta Stevenson
- Alvin C. York, Young Marksman by Ethel H. Weddle

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