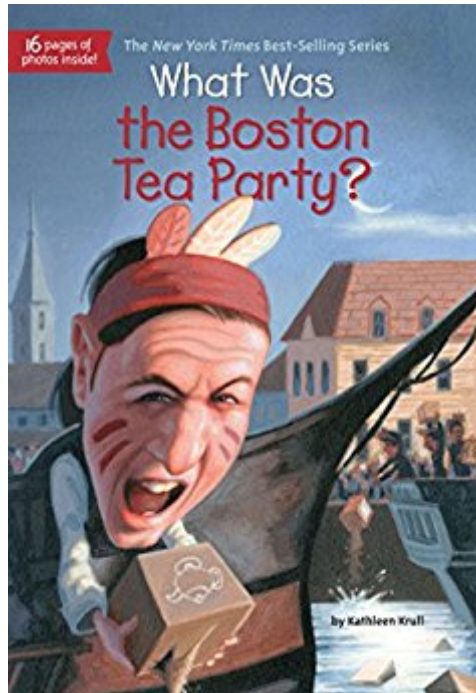




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What Was The Boston Tea Party? (What Was?)



Synopsis

"No Taxation without Representation!" The Boston Tea Party stands as an iconic event of the American Revolution. Outraged by the tax on tea, American colonists chose to destroy the tea by dumping it into the water! Learn all about the famed colonialists who fought against the British Monarchy, and read about this act of rebellion from our history! With black-and-white illustrations throughout and sixteen pages of photos, the Boston Tea party is brought to life!

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Customer Reviews

Affectionately referred to by Pam, our town librarian, as the "Big Head Books," this series profiles both people "Who Was ...?" and events "What Was ...?" in a 100-page, illustrated, pocket-sized paperback. Each cover features a character with an enormous head upon a little body - basically a caricature-style drawing that makes the book approachable to the target age range of 8-12 years. The tales of biography and events spring to life in these distinctive, clever, yet historical tomes which are a cross between chapter books and graphic novels. They are expertly written and feature sidebar pages of maps and "did you know" blurbs. Each page has an easily digestible 100 words

with an average of 10 chapters per book and includes a timeline and a bibliography at the back. Confident readers will enjoy the easy-to-read format and interesting range of personalities - from Queen Elizabeth to Barack Obama - and historical events - from the Boston Tea Party to the March on Washington. Early or struggling readers will appreciate the fact that they don't look like chapter books and are amply illustrated. These books deserve their 5-star rating. Highly recommend any number of books in the "Who" or "What" series. Even adult readers will find them an enjoyable history lesson.

I learned about the Boston Tea Party in elementary school many years ago. Now I only remember that a bunch of people in Boston got mad at the British and dumped a lot of tea in the Boston harbor. In "What Was the Boston Tea Party?" one can almost hear the drumbeat of events starting at the end of the French and Indian War and leading to the Boston Tea Party. To begin with, the British, who had never levied direct taxes against the colonists, demanded the colonists pay for the French and Indian war and levied the Stamp Tax to collect payment. As soon as the Stamp Tax ended, due to universal protest among the colonists, the Townshend Acts passed. In order to keep the colonists in line, British troops were sent to Boston. However, this only enraged the colonists further. British troops had previously only been used to protect the colonists, not police them. One event like this followed another. Kathleen Krull makes clear, by marching through each of these events, that the Boston Tea Party was inevitable. And the Boston Tea Party was, she says "one of the most powerful protests ever, rocking the world and in time leading to the birth of a whole new country." I thought the Boston Tea Party was a chaotic event. Not so! It was very well planned and well-orchestrated and it was quiet. It was also a nonviolent event and is thus significant to the nonviolent political movements that followed. The book spends a bit of time after the Boston Tea Party explaining the events between the tea party, in 1773, and the beginning of the Revolutionary War in 1775. In the middle of the book there are 16 pages of photographs and photos of paintings including portraits of leaders of the Revolutionary War and pictures that record well known events such as an engraving by Paul Revere of the Boston Massacre. The illustrations are pen and ink with details that add to the story. In the back of the book there is a timeline of the Boston Tea Party as well as a timeline of the world. There is a bibliography which includes both books and websites. Unfortunately, there is no index. I am so glad to know the context of the Boston Tea Party. It enhances my appreciation of the generation of Americans that included our founding fathers.

Daughter loves the book, nice addition to the "Who Was" series

My son started this series last year when he was in third grade, he still loves it.

My kids really like this series and we have purchased a number of these. Well written and the children have really enjoyed. I like that they are learning a lot and keep on asking for more. They have reallie one a lot from this series. They also like the Pompeii book.

My son needed a book for a 7th grade assignment where he needed to create a newspaper during the time of the American Revolution. This book was an easy read and it was a nice option instead of going to Google for all other research.

As I said about the Statue of Liberty book, they are wonderful books for all ages. My 11 and 8 year old grandsons enjoy them and read them immediately upon receiving them. I too found them interesting.

These books are amazing for young readers, and very well written to hold interest in a very educational way! My grandson reads to me and amazing how much I didn't learn or need refreshing on !

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