

Independence Day Book List

Bates, Katharine Lee. 2004. *America the Beautiful*. Little, Brown Young Readers.

An inspiring homage to a beloved anthem contemporary imagery as diverse as Sacagawea's travels with Lewis and Clark, the Tuskegee Airmen, and firefighters raising the American Flag.

Dalgliesh, Alice. 1995. *The Fourth of July Story*. Aladdin Library.

Alice Dalgliesh takes young readers back to revolutionary times, back to the colonists' desire for freedom and the creation of the Declaration of Independence.

Fradin, Dennis Brindell, and Michael McCurdy. 2002. *The Signers: The Fifty-Six Stories behind the Declaration of Independence*. Walker Childrens.

The 56 men who dared to sign their names to this revolutionary document knew they were putting their reputations, their fortunes, and their very lives on the line by boldly and publicly declaring their support for liberty and freedom.

Giblin, James Cross. 2001. *Fireworks, Picnics, and Flags: The Story of the Fourth of July Symbols*. Clarion Books.

This spirited look at our national birthday explores the stories behind the familiar symbols of the Fourth of July and tells how they have come to be associated with the holiday.

Freedman, Russell. 2002. *Give Me Liberty: The Story of the Declaration of Independence*. Holiday House.

Describes the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence as well as the personalities and politics behind its framing.

Fink, Sam. 2002. *Declaration of Independence*. Scholastic Reference.

Here is the complete Declaration of Independence beautifully hand-lettered and decorated. Almost every section is highlighted on its own page, with its meaning and significance enhanced by imaginative drawings and sketches appropriate to the all-important words they complement.

Heiligman, Deborah. 2007. *Holidays Around the World: Celebrate Independence Day: With Parades, Picnics, and Fireworks*. National Geographic Children's Books.

All the history and culture of Independence Day is here, along with fun facts, an all-American recipe, a locator map for every photo and a complete resource guide.

Kimmelman, Leslie. 2003. *Happy 4th of July, Jenny Sweeney!* Albert Whitman & Company.

It's the 4th of July and all over town, people are getting ready. Jenny Sweeney gives her dog, Rags, a bath. All the preparations lead up to the big parade and a night of bright fireworks. It's a great day. "Happy Birthday, USA!"

Landau, Elaine. 2008 *The Declaration of Independence (True Books: American History)*. Children's Press.

Ideal for today's young investigative reader, each A True Book includes lively sidebars, a glossary and index, plus a comprehensive "To Find Out More" section listing books, organizations, and Internet sites.

Landau, Elaine. 2001. *Independence Day: Birthday of the United States (Finding Out about Holidays)*. Enslow Publishers.

The history of Independence Day and a unique focus on how the holiday is celebrated. Provides a wide overview of information on the holiday.

Montgomery, Lewis B. 2010. *The Case of the July 4th Jinx (Milo and Jazz Mysteries)*. Kane Press.

In this installment in the series, Milo and Jazz, with the help of their pen pal, private eye Dash Marlowe, discover why everything seems to be going wrong at the 4th of July fair.

Osborne, Mary Pope. 2008. *Happy Birthday, America*. Square Fish.

A lively celebration of the Fourth of July in small-town America. Three generations enjoy parades, popcorn, "Yankee Doodle Dandy," and at the end of the day, lightning bugs and fireworks.

Pingry, Patricia A. 2005. *The Story of the Star Spangled Banner*. Candy Cane Press.

Fewer than two hundred words tell the story of how Frances Scott Key observed the Battle of Baltimore in September 1814 and was so moved by the sight of the flag still flying at dawn that he wrote the poem that became our national anthem.

Roberts, Bethany. 2004. *Fourth of July Mice!* Clarion Books.

It's the most patriotic of all holidays-Independence Day! The Holiday Mice take part in all the activities that make the Fourth of July fun: a parade, a picnic, a baseball game and sack race, and a refreshing dip in the stream.

Scillian, Devin. 2001. *A is for America*. Sleeping Bear Press.

From the British and our Constitution that replaced their rule, to Yellowstone Park and Zane Grey's stories of the west, "A is for America" is a sweeping tribute to all we know and love about our country.

Smith, Charles. 2003. *I Am America*. Cartwheel.

"I am America/I am proud/I am diverse/soft-spoken/and loud."

The powerful poem in this one-of-a-kind book is enhanced by the accompanying photographs that represent children of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Trueit, Trudi Strain. 2006. *Independence Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays)*. Children's Press.

This fun and informative book introduces children to the basic facts about major holidays. Explaining the development of the holiday and how it is celebrated today, and includes holiday games, traditions, crafts, and foods.

Wilson, Karma. 2007. *How to Bake an American Pie*. Margaret K. McElderry Books.

How do you bake an American pie? Preheat the world until fiery hot with a hunger and thirst to be free. Now find a giant melting pot on the shores of a great shining sea.

Wong, Janet S. 2002. *Apple Pie Fourth of July*. Harcourt Children's Books.

Shocked that her parents are cooking Chinese food to sell in the family store on an all-American holiday, a feisty Chinese American girl tries to tell her mother and father how things *really* are. But as the parade passes by and fireworks light the sky, *she* learns a surprising lesson.