

Voting and Election Book List

Bateman, Teresa. *Red, White, Blue, and Uncle Who?: The Stories Behind Some of America's Patriotic Symbols*. Holiday House Inc. 2001.

Some of the symbols included are The White House, the Eagle, "The Star-Spangled Banner," Uncle Sam, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Statue of Liberty. There are descriptions of the origins and history of each symbol, as well as disputes if there were any (the wild turkey versus the bald eagle as the national bird).

Battle-Lavert, Gwendolyn. *Papa's Mark*. Holiday House, Inc. 2004.

After the Fifteenth Amendment went into effect, allowing African-Americans the right to vote, Samuel still has other issues to overcome if he wants to vote in his first election, like being able to read the ballot and sign his name.

Christelow, Eileen. *Vote!* Clarion Books. 2004.

An enlightening book that covers all parts of the voting process, from the campaigns and debates, to registering to vote, and election day.

Cronin, Doreen. *Duck for President*. 2nd ed. Atheneum. 2008.

The award-winning follow-up edition to the original book about a duck who began in a humble pond and worked his way up to farmer, to governor, and perhaps the office of President!

Donovan, Sandy. *Running For Office: A Look at Political Campaigns*. Lerner Publishing Groups. 2004.

What does it take to run for office? Announce you're running for political office, hire a staff, raise money, win the primary or get the support of your political party, and hit the campaign trail—this book leads its readers through the big task of trying to become the next president.

Fritz, Jean. *Shh! We're Writing the Constitution*. G.P. Putnam's Sons. 1987.
A kid-friendly account of the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

Fritz, Jean. *You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?* Putnam Books. 1999.
A biography of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's life-long struggle to have the rights of the men around her.

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Granfield, Linda. *America Votes: How Our President Is Elected*. Kids Can Press. 2003.

An explanation of the presidential election process: its history, the two-party system, how the donkey and elephant became symbols, and the right and responsibility of voting. Great art work to keep children interested in the sometimes confusing topic.

Grimes, Nikki. *Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope*. Aladdin. 2008.
Moving story of how Barack Obama has allowed nothing to stand in his way and his desire to change the world.

Kowalski, Katiann M. *Friendly Foes: A Look at Political Parties*. Lerner Publishing Group. 2004.

What are these political parties everyone keeps talking about and where did they come from (the Republican Party was formed in Ripon, Wisconsin, for example).

Krull, Kathleen. *A Woman for President: The Story of Victoria Woodhull*. Walker and Company. 2004.

Think you know the first time a woman ran for the presidency? In 1872, Victoria Woodhull ran against Ulysses S. Grant with famed abolitionist Frederick Douglass as her running mate. She wouldn't have made it to office regardless of her gender, since she wouldn't be the required age of 35 by inauguration day.

Maestro, Betsy. *The Voice of the People: American Democracy in Action*. Mulberry Books. 1996.

A simple guide to the election process in the United States.

McCain, Meghan. *My Dad, John McCain*. Aladdin. 2008.

A picture book biography written by Senator John McCain's oldest daughter describing his childhood, military service, family life, and becoming the 2008 Republican candidate for the Presidency.

Murphy, Patricia J. *Election Day*. Children's Press, 2002.

This book, filled with full-color photographs, explains the voting process by discussing various ways of voting, how voting affects people, and how the process helps people take part in the government.

Robb, Donald. *Hail to the Chief*. Charlesbridge Publishing Inc. 2000.

A fact-filled book about the duties and roles of the president.

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Sisulu, Eleanor Batezat. *The Day Gogo Went to Vote*. Little, Brown and Company. 1999.

A young girl accompanies her 100 year-old great-grandmother as she goes to vote in the first election in which South Africans are allowed to participate.

Sobel, Syl. *How the U.S. Government Works*. Barron's Educational Series. 1999.

An appropriate description of the three branches of the United States government, how officials get appointed or elected, and how the government and its agencies work for the United State people.

Sobel, Syl. *Presidential Elections: And Other Cool Facts*. Barron's Educational Series. 2001.

A look at the interesting facts surrounding our history of elections. Sections also cover such topics as the electoral college, the campaign, the rules of electing a president, and the procedure and order of succession if something were to happen to the president.

Steele, Philip. *Vote*. DK Publishing. 2008.

A complete overview of the United States' move to democracy, from Roman times to the present, using DK's wonderful knack for text and color photography.

Travis, Cathy. *The Constitution Translated for Kids*. Synergy Books. 2006.

A side-by-side look at the Constitution, with original text on one side and a simple description on the other. Great explanations for difficult concepts.

What Presidents Are Made Of. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 2004.

A sideways look at the unknown side of the Presidents—their habits, quirks, special talents and more. Very visual illustrations for each President listed.