



Childhood of Famous Americans

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Childhood of Famous Americans Biographies Reading List

Historical Biographies for Little Ones
(1st – 5th)



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 Gertrude 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 Crackett, 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 Charlotta 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 Clevon
- 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
- Knut 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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