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Synopsis

In a presidential election year, when selecting a new leader will be the focus of national attention, what could be more timely than an upbeat and informative introduction to voting? Eileen Christelow's *Vote!* is now available in a special paperback edition at a bargain price, to give even more young readers the chance to understand the process. Parties, voter registration, campaigns, rallies, debates, Election Day, even a recount . . . all are clearly presented in a graphic format as the story of a local election unfolds, with hilarious commentary by the candidates' pets. Choosing our own government is one of our most cherished rights. This book is the perfect guide to how our democracy works.

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

I was so impressed at how easy and enjoyable this book was to read. It's about time someone wrote a good children's book about voting. Most books about voting are dry, dull and totally detached. This book provides a likable protagonist and takes us through the voting and election process. Students of mine who have read non-fiction books on voting and been left totally confused as well as bored may finally "get it" with this one. Good job!

I was looking for a book to read to my 5 year old for the election this year and purchased this one.

However after reading it, I found it was incredibly biased. The information was presented as if one candidate is good because they have good views and the other candidate is bad because they have bad views. This isn't what I want to teach my children about voting or the country we live in. Just because you may disagree with someone doesn't make the other person "bad". It is disappointing to see an adult advocate those values in a children's book.

A good book about touching on the election process of the United States. Hard for a read aloud, but great to touch on key facts. the kids liked the two dogs in the story as well.

Since citizenship education is becoming such a focus in the elementary schools (and rightly so), it is good to see a really informative and kid-focused book about voting available to the grades that really need the boost. The pictures are engaging and colorful, and the "action" is enough to keep any kid interested. The timeline and glossary are excellent for teachers planning a lesson, and accessible to a kid who is looking for information for a report. This is a great book to integrate into the classroom or to help your children understand the essentials of the primary element of democracy. Recommended.

Beautifully illustrated, informative book, appropriate for grades K-3.

This is a good book for teaching kids about the voting process. I used it with my 3rd grade class and they enjoyed it. I'm not sure if it was listed on the product page, but the book was smaller than other copies of it I have seen, which made it hard to use as a read aloud.

This book has a cute take -- we see a mayoral election through the eyes of the loyal and devoted pet dogs of one of the candidates. We love the illustrations, and we like the way the dogs and the daughter of one candidate teach the adults throughout the pages. However, the dogs and daughter get something wrong. Not just sort-of wrong, but WRONG. (page 10) "Sparky! Stop that! This country is a democracy!" America. Is. Not. A. Democracy. Democracy is the usually-violent tyranny of the majority over the minority. America is a Republic, which is a form of government that protects individuals. America's Founders created a Republic to control the vices of democracy, whose history they were familiar with. They were right: the French Revolution and further "equality" revolutions have borne them out (Mao, Pol Pot, Idi Amin, Mugabe, Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Bolshevism, Socialism, Fascism, Communism... they all relied on a drive for "economic equality."

They all spun into wild tyranny.) These are important civics concepts and we MUST teach them to our children. So, while cute, we can't use this book without some basic caveats. This is not the best choice for teaching children. Instead of this, try Syl Sobel's book or Sarah de Capua's book. Presidential Elections and Other Cool Facts Voting (True Books: Civics)

While I like the way the information is presented with the humor of the dogs along with the explanations, I have several problems with this book. #1 I disagree with presenting one candidate in a good light (Chris Smith who is portrayed to care about schools, and has her child campaigning for her, aka "liberals are compassionate"), and the other as a villain (Bill Brown, whose platform is portrayed to be based on building a new stadium, a cold businessman who doesn't like animals or care about children, aka "the non-compassionate conservative"). This nice candidate/mean candidate portrayal is a poor way to teach children voting discernment. #2 At the end of the book, there is "A Timeline of Voting Rights". Again, this is a great idea- laying out these important dates to understand more easily. However, I find the comments regarding the 2000 Presidential Election troubling. The author carefully implies that the 2000 Presidential Election was bogus, and the 2002 voting act will take care of faulty elections in the future. I believe this book would've been much more effective had the author NOT brought biases into play.

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