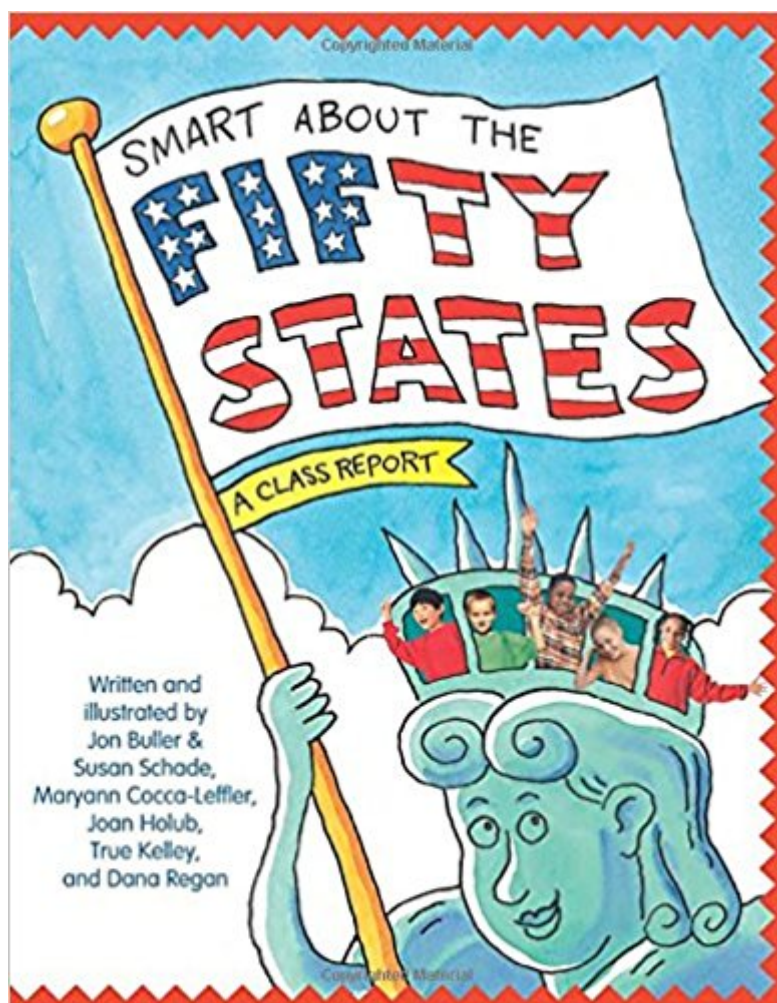


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Smart About The Fifty States: A Class Report (Smart About History)



Synopsis

The kids in Ms. Brandt's class create a special report on the United States of America, with each child doing research on ten states. There's a double-spread map of the whole U.S. and a page for every state jam-packed with trivia, interesting facts, handwritten captions, and jokes. At the end of the book is a map showing how the United States grew over time, a spread on the presidents and what states they hailed from, as well as a "bibliography" of books the kids used in their research. Written by a team of well-known author/artists, this 64-page Smart About History book is a great guide for kids.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

Customer Reviews

Grade 3-5-Five students are assigned a group report on any subject. No guidelines such as length or scope are given, and the children's grade is not indicated. The youngsters select the 50 states as their topic, with each one responsible for several states. The completed assignment makes up the book. Each page features one state and includes its nickname and capital; a paragraph or two of text; and a crude, childlike color drawing of a map dotted with illustrations of the random facts and trivia presented. Some of the information appears to have been chosen for humor or to surprise

readers. This can be fun but presents a skewed picture of the states. For example, North Carolina is noteworthy for gold discovered in 1799 with no mention of tobacco, and the material on New York leaves out the worldwide importance of New York City. Also included are a page on Washington, DC, a sketchy history of the flag and of the growth of the U.S., and a picture gallery of the nation's presidents. Kathleen Krull's *Wish You Were Here: Emily's Guide to the 50 States* (Doubleday, 1997) is a better choice. Marlene Gawron, formerly at Orange County Library, Orlando, FL Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My daughter has to memorize the states and the capitals, which is just not a fun task. I bought this book to help make it more interesting for her. She loves the book and wants to read about each state before working on trying to memorize.

I bought this book - along with a Melissa and Doug United States puzzle - to use with my daughter, who I'm homeschooling for Kindergarten. We're reading about 5 or 6 states each week. Some of the information is above her head, but most of it holds her interest. I mainly just want to get her familiar with the names of the states, and we'll go through this book again in a couple of years. This is not an in-depth study of the states, but if you want to learn a little about each state in a fun way, this is perfect.

My 8 year old loves the "Smart About The..." series. The information in all of these is short and sweet, so that she learns a lot without getting bored or bogged down with details that she won't retain at this age.

This is a great book about the 50 states. My 2nd and 4th grader both enjoyed it. It is easy to read and informative. The illustrations in the book are great. I don't buy many book in print unless at a thrift store as the price for books can be outrageous. This book was definitely worth the price and I am glad I purchased it.

My seven year old keeps this book in the car and reads a bit here and there while we're driving around or on road trips. Since getting this book for Christmas a couple of months ago his knowledge of the U.S. and his understanding of states has increased. This book is easy and fun to read, and is perfect for young kids who are starting to learn about geography and the U.S.

Ideal for youngsters to enjoy, to learn geography and history. , they loved it. Bill

Affordable and educational! My 5-yr old is obsessed with this book, Its illustration is so kid-friendly!

Bought for my 7 year old granddaughter and she loved it!! She is on the list for more of the same..

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