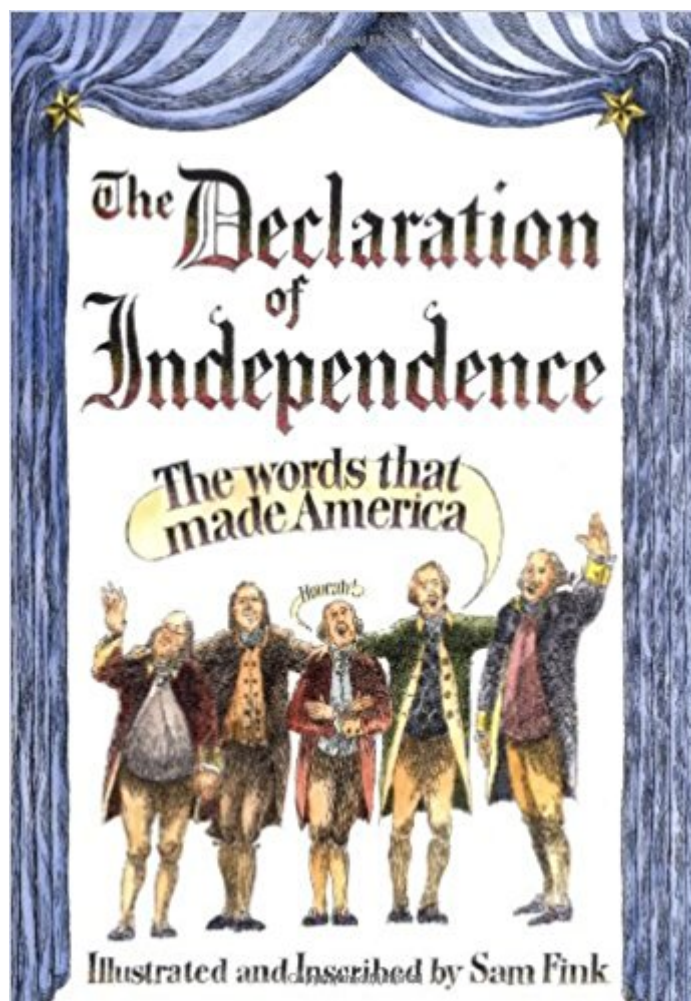


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The Declaration Of Independence



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Taken phrase by phrase, inscribed and illustrated, these most famous words ring as true today as they did more than 200 years ago. The Declaration of Independence is considered to be one of the greatest documents of all time. The central section of the declaration is a ringing assertion that every human being has an equal right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These are the words that have built your nation and keep it strong. 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.

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Customer Reviews

When pondering the Declaration of Independence, many readers get as far as "When in the course of human events..." before their eyes glaze over. But when author-illustrator Sam Fink took the time to read the document, he was so impressed, he decided to do what he could to make it more accessible to everyone. By dividing the text into short phrases, hand lettering the words on one page, and illustrating the ideas expressed on the facing page, Fink succeeded marvelously in his goal. His scratchy, historically accurate illustrations are compelling (and often witty) in their representation of the Declaration's significance. In one spread, the text reads "The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct

object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States." On the facing page, a grumpy King George stands over a dictionary opened to a definition of tyrant, pointing to the word and saying, "THAT'S ME!" and "I am also a usurper." A complete version of the Declaration of Independence follows the illustrated portion of the book, as well as a chronology of events, a glossary of terms (such as "usurpations"), and a selected bibliography. A fabulously readable surprise! (Ages 10 and older) --Emilie Coulter

Infused with humor and a contagious patriotism, newcomer Fink's visual interpretation of the Declaration of Independence will help youngsters read between the sometimes puzzling lines of this monumental document. Fink breaks up this fervent, articulate proclamation into brief, elegantly hand-lettered phrases, which he pairs with etching-like artwork that evokes the period of the document's authorship and elucidates the words meaning. As the Declaration specifies the colonists' grievances against King George III, the comically hyperbolic cross-hatch illustrations depict inventive symbols for the despised British rule and a range of comical parodies of the monarch. Opposite the statement "He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records" is a picture of an elaborate maze, with a building atop a steep cliff at its center and a caption that reads, "Enter here to get to the King's meeting place." On a spread declaring that the king is a Tyrant, "... unfit to be the ruler of a free people," Fink shows an empty throne with a sign announcing "Be back soon." Gone to Class in Advanced Tyranny! Geo III. And with playful anachronism, the illustrator shows Patrick Henry holding a contemporary New Hampshire license plate (bearing the slogan "Live Free or Die" and the tag number 1776) opposite the assertion that these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States. This clever and inspiring volume concludes with a glossary and chronology of events leading up to the drafting of the Declaration. Ages 10-up. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I first found this book in a local library. I read it with my children. I liked it so well, and as a homeschool family, knowing we will be reviewing this document periodically, that I decided to purchase the book. It was pricey, but it did such a good job of illustrating the Declaration of Independence piece-by-piece, that I felt it was worth the cost. We also were able to compare the reasons for writing the Declaration of Independence to current circumstances to help illustrate why we must continue to stand up for our rights, freedoms, and protections that our forefathers, and subsequent soldiers, fought so hard to win. I like that it has a good glossary in the back to define words in the

Declaration of Independence that are seldom, if ever, used any longer.

A must-have for any student of history, the beautiful drawings definitively illustrate the important truths of one of American history's most important documents. Each picture beautifully complements a phrase from the actual text of the Declaration of Independence. This book is a joy to read for young and old alike.

Great illustrations and of course wonderfully lettered text. It is a beautiful book, and I highly endorse reading it every July 4! This is the copy of it you want, and if you didn't think you wanted a copy, Sam Fink's version will change your mind!

I really love the wording of the Declaration of Independence and I am hoping to share that love with my son when he is older. This book does a nice job of breaking down the Declaration into bite sized pieces and "explaining" each piece through illustrations. I'm glad to have this in our collection.

This book was in Mint Condition and is a great book for teaching upper elementary grades about The Declaration of Independence. the author/illustrator did a wonderful job of creating pieces of art that reflect the meaning of the document. I purchased it on for almost nothing and would have paid full price if necessary for the value this book will have in my teaching library.

This book, through its unique and often funny illustrations, reveals the true meaning behind the words of this masterpiece of American history in a way that children - and many adults (perhaps for the first time) - can understand and appreciate. It really brought the words to light for our entire family and gave us a deeper appreciation for the work and sacrifice that made our independence possible.

Excellent book...for kids and adults! Genius.

The words are exactly the Declaration with illustrations added. It is helpful for my students to see the pictures with the more formal language to help them understand what the meaning.

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