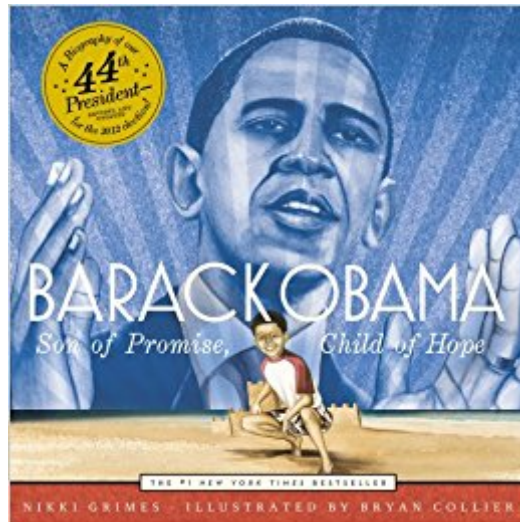


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Barack Obama: Son Of Promise, Child Of Hope



Synopsis

The #1 New York Times bestselling picture-book biography of President Barack Obama is now in paperback. Ever since Barack Obama was young, Hope has lived inside him. From the beaches of Hawaii to the streets of Chicago, from the jungles of Indonesia to the plains of Kenya, he has held on to Hope. Even as a boy, Barack knew he wasn't quite like anybody else, but through his journeys he found the ability to listen to Hope and become what he was meant to be: a bridge to bring people together. This is the moving story of our 44th President, told by Nikki Grimes and illustrated by Bryan Collier, both winners of the Coretta Scott King Award. Barack Obama has motivated Americans to believe with him, to believe that every one of us has the power to change ourselves and change our world.

Book Information

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Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 5 • A bright child of humble background is encouraged by the adults around him to believe that he is capable of doing anything he wants to do. Sound familiar? It's called the American Dream, and the boy is Barack Obama, a biracial child who has gone on to change the course of history. This picture-book biography serves to educate children not only about Obama's journey thus far, but also to connect his circumstances to their own. In particular, children of color now know that they too have boundless potential. Grimes's imagery, however, is occasionally

overblown as both Hope and God speak directly to Obama. His impressive life story needs no inflating, and the heavy imagery gets in the way of the message. Collier's vivid watercolor and collage artwork brings the varied aspects of the man's life together. From the sparkling beaches of Hawaii where he played as a child to the brown, arid village in Kenya where his father was buried, readers see Obama always reaching toward the future. Despite the overly laudatory tone, this book is an appealing addition to biography collections. --Joan Kindig, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Inspirational is the word for this glowing picture-book biography, framed by the fictional story of a small African American boy who asks his loving, single-parent mom to tell him about Barack Obama. With fast free verse ("His family stretched / from Kansas to Kenya; / his mama, white as whipped cream, / his daddy, black as ink") and big, handsome illustrations, Coretta Scott King Award winners Grimes and Collier tell the story of Obama's life. Beginning with his childhood in Hawaii, double-page spreads show him interacting with kids from all over the world. Despite the sadness of his parents getting divorced, both inspire him to find hope in education, and he learns to confront racism ("hurt and hate and history"), and is moved to help the poor. Grimes's stirring words and Collier's watercolor-and-collage pictures convey the power of diversity to make a "new whole." On each spread a small box displays the running conversation between the boy and his mother, and his final comment is: "When I grow up, I want to be the president." Preschool-Grade 2. --Hazel Rochman --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I purchased this for my nephew along with other books. I think this is a great gift idea and it went over well with his parents.

I brought this book to read to my students and we loved it. The author did an excellent job with the President's biography and the illustrations are awesome!

Memorabilia! Gift for a child!

I purchased several of these books for my nephew & grandchildren. I read the book for my family

and myself and we all enjoyed it.

My third graders really enjoyed this book, and they're a pretty picky group. I almost didn't buy it after reading some of the negative reviews, but I'm glad I did. Quite frankly, some of the negative reviews sound like they were written by people who didn't even read the book.

Lovely written!!

Purchase for a child's school project, was a nice overview of the President. Addition to the child library of literary works. Child often returns to read the book.

Enjoyed the can-do attitude and story

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