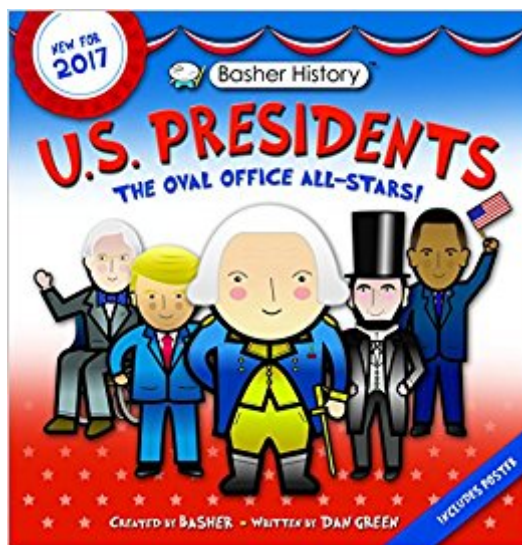


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# Basher History: US Presidents: Revised Edition



## Synopsis

Basher's US Presidents shows you the nation's leaders as you've never seen them before. Every president, from George Washington to the winner of the 2016 election, has an individual entry and speaks directly to the reader. Often humorous, these lively and enlightening articles bring history to life. Meet James Monroe, known as the "Last Cocked Hat" because he pranced around in an outdated wig, hat, and breeches! Learn more about "Uncle Jumbo" (better known as Grover Cleveland): the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms. Find out how Ronald Reagan helped end the Cold War. Quirky facts add interest. Did you know that John Quincy Adams had a pet alligator? That Teddy Roosevelt (and his whole family) could walk on stilts? Or that Lyndon B. Johnson had worked as an elevator operator? Read this book, and you'll soon be on personal terms with every single US Head Honcho to date.

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## Customer Reviews

Having previously covered several branches of science, Basher joins with coauthor Green to take on U.S. history in the former's unique, irreverent style. Profiles of the 44 "Oval Office All-Stars" each include a list of six facts, a two-paragraph first-person narrative, and a

cartoon illustration with accompanying accoutrement that gives a clue to the president's story (the odder the better) and what he achieved. Readers might already know a lot of this, but Basher and Green serve it up in a hip, imaginative style and throw in some lesser-known facts, too. For example, James Monroe brought "groovy vibes" to the nation, and who knew that Jimmy Carter reported seeing a UFO? As usual, Basher's illustrations look like the same little round-headed doll accented with various facial hair, hairstyles, and period attire. (A portrait gallery with a painting or photograph does provide a faithful likeness of each.) Another fun entry, and a detachable poster is included. Grades 4-7. --Randall Enos --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

"As with other Basher books, the humor, bright cartoon illustrations, and conversational ton of this small title will attract young readers. . . . Fun for browsing, this book also offers quick facts and trivia. Library Media Connection "Readers might already know a lot of this, but Basher and Green serve it up in a hip, imaginative style and throw in some lesser-known facts, too. . . . Another fun entry. Booklist "[A]n informative little book ... Though the book is aimed at kids 10 and up, those of us on the far, far end of that age range will find many items of interest in Dan Green's clever text. Bookpage - The Book Case "Reading this book will put you on first name terms with every single one of America's head honchos. kidsbookmix.com --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I bought this when my son (4th grade) didn't know who Barack Obama was in Cub Scouts. A lot of presidential biographies for 4th-6th are long and dry. However, some of the books for younger children focus on memorable biographical details (like Jackson's wheel of cheese, Lincoln's top hat, Washington's false teeth) but not anything about their Presidency. The Basher history is easy to read and memorable, but still covers the historical significance of each President. Each section is a first person statement from the President, but in modern casual speech (think Hamilton's "real history in a hip-hop vernacular). There are bullet points for memorable firsts, and each president has a picture with mnemonic clues (birthday cake, teddy bear, musical instruments). Also, there's a poster to help with memorization. There's formal portraits in the back with dates and demographics. The book just has one page per president, but doesn't shy away from difficult issues like forced relocation of Native Americans, slavery and civil rights, and bribery scandals. It doesn't dwell either. It covers Clinton without going into inappropriate detail: "I ruined my image with my . . . ahem . . . way with the ladies. Seedy scandals surfaced and I was accused of

lying about one of them under oath. I was impeached and, although the I was acquitted, my reputation payed a price."Bill O'Rielly has a blurb on the back cover. However, the book talks positively about FDR's social programs and how they helped the country recover from the Depression. This is the popular version of US history taught in American public schools, but some conservative parents may have a problem with it.I'm impressed with all the Basher books I've read. They appeal to reluctant readers but don't dumb their material down in the slightest. Their coverage is impressive, and there's enough meat in the book to go back to over and over again.

Given that we already have the Disney Presidents app, the Presidents v. Aliens app, and the TIME for Kids Presidents book, my kid probably knows a little more than the average eight-year-old about U.S. Presidents. But he still found this book engaging enough that he read it twice the day it arrived. He says he especially liked that it included presidential firsts (for example: John Quincy Adams was the first president to be photographed).

this book is a great introduction to the u.s. presidents. Each page gives a few facts about the president and describes some of the things he accomplished during his term. My 9 year old son has really taken an interest in the presidents because of this book. History is not his favorite subject so I'm always looking for ways to keep it interesting and fun. This is one of many "basher books" we have gotten. Every one of these books has been thoroughly enjoyed by my sons.

I lied. I said I bought the book for my elementary-aged children. In truth, I bought it as a primer/reminder for when they ask me questions about past presidents. Even my history-buff-former-AP-American-History-teacher-spouse approved of the book. So, regardless of why you buy it, it is a good purchase. Enjoy.

Being a Political Science major, this stuff is right up my alley. My daughter prefers math and science though, but this book held her interest and she really enjoyed it. It got her curious about other areas of our history too!

Informative

My child loves the Basher Books collection. They are descriptive and give the necessary details, but make it funny and interesting.Most of them also come with a bonus poster at the end , giving you

choices to keep changing the kids room decor.

I ordered it for first graders but it was above their level

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