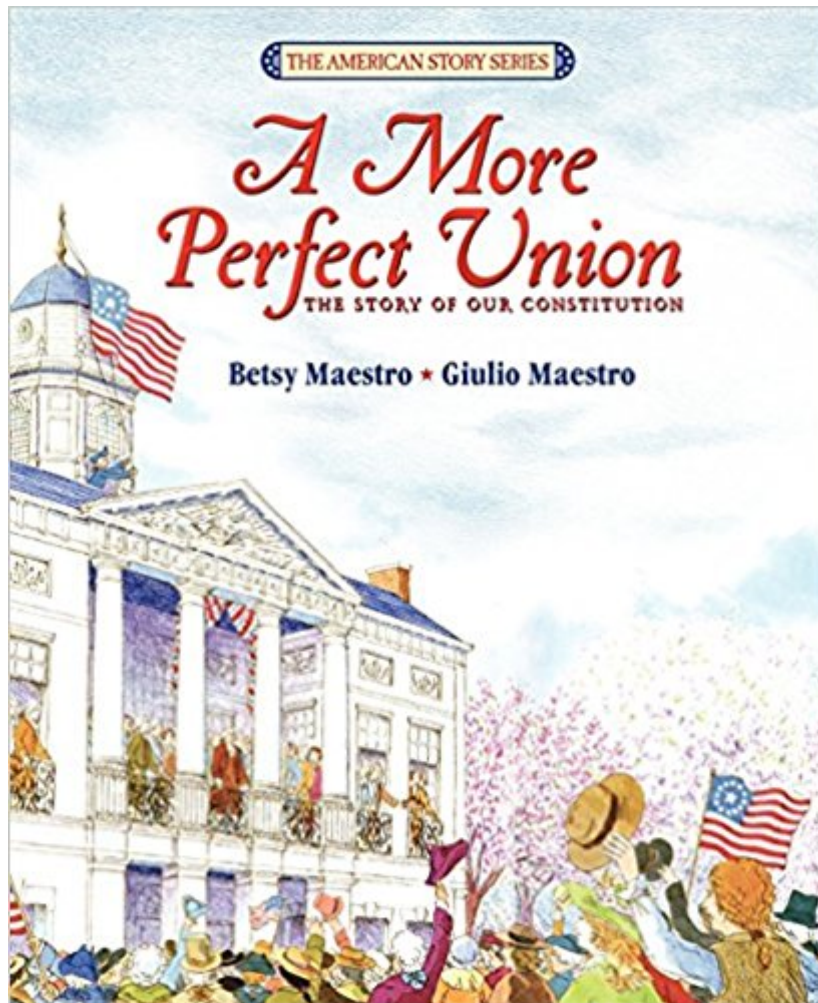




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Customer Reviews

Grade 2-4 Once again, the Maestros have produced a simple, attractive, and informative book about a milestone in American history. Here they cover the birth of the Constitution from the initial decision to hold the convention, through the summer meetings in Philadelphia, the ratification struggle, the first election, and the adoption of the Bill of Rights. The facts are put forward clearly, but in no way is this a detailed account. Left out, for example, are the events leading to the Convention and the debates on the slavery issue which occurred during its course. Instead, the focus is on the most basic issue the decisions on the organization of the government which resulted in the Great Compromise. The book does get to the core of the achievement of the Constitution the

establishment of a governmental structure which has been adaptable to change for 200 years but some of the significance is lost in this pared-down description. The pastel-colored paintings are most effective when they present panoramas and least effective when depicting the members of the convention, most of whom look alike except for hair color. A final section includes lists of the signers as well as of all those who attended; chronologies of events and the dates of ratification; and simple summaries of the Articles of the Constitution and amendments to it. The simplest and most accessible history of the Constitution to date. Christine Behrmann, New York Public Library Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

• (Kirkus Reviews) • Most useful as the earliest introduction available to the Constitution. • (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books) • A good job of showing today's children how this extraordinary document was created. • (San Francisco Chronicle)

Great for 1st through 3rd grade. I have a 4th and 6th grader and it's way too simple for them. Cute book though and youngsters should enjoy it.

We read this one at home and presented to our daughter's 1st Grade class for some quality history/civics lessons (to be read by teacher, since the book itself is more suitable for 3rd graders). The kids were fascinated by the real story of the efforts of many people who drafted the constitution.

Love this book. We need to understand our country and what it means. This knowledge is missing in so many school classrooms. It should be a part of the education for everyone! Without fail. Thank you.

The Maestro's do a fantastic job teaching the story of the Constitution through children's literature. Information is presented in manageable easy to understand pieces. This makes concepts conducive to scholar retention yielding a lasting impression.

Information - well done. Great addition for my Children's Literature class

gave as a gift and the teacher loves it

The book recites the very basic facts of the summer of 1787 and the beginning job of putting the Constitution to work, such as electing a president. I think it is a good intro resource, but may be a little dull. I teach social ed on the high school level (EH/LD) it is hard to keep their attention. I often use picture books to support or introduce a topic. The kids are on different reading levels and I often give them scavenger hunts and encourage the use of all books and resources I bring in, so they are not embarrassed. The book has additional informational list in back. I think this is an adequate addition to my resource library.

Our local DAR chapter is giving this to the elementary school. Hopefully, they will find it interesting and educational.

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