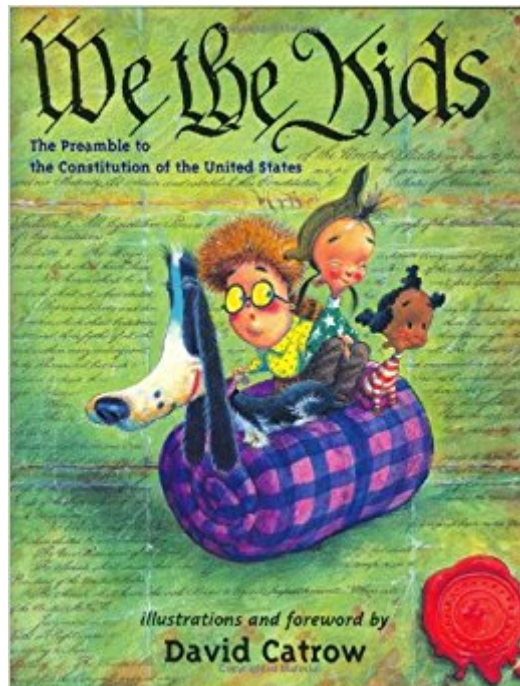




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We The Kids



Synopsis

We the People . . . in order to form a more perfect Union . . . do ordain and establish this Constitution . . . You probably read it, or had to memorize it-but did you really know what the Preamble meant? And did it ever make you laugh? Well, now it will! This upbeat and offbeat look at the Preamble to our Constitution brings kids into its ideas and ideals, showing them the role it plays in their present-day lives and futures. Perfect for inspiring discussion in classrooms and around kitchen tables, this original and thought-provoking book offers a distinctive expression of America's most celebrated principles-for citizens of all ages. Includes a glossary of terms and a foreword by the artist.

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Customer Reviews

Sooner or later, just about every American kid is required to memorize the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States. And until now, it was one of the more boring, meaningless assignments. But artist and political cartoonist David Catrow (Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon) has changed all that with his witty, clear-as-a-Liberty-Bell picture book. For him, the Constitution is "a kind of how-to book, showing us ways to have happiness, safety, and comfort." With laugh-out-loud cartoony illustrations, and the actual words of the Preamble as the only text, Catrow depicts a

camping trip taken by a diverse, bumbling group of friends, demonstrating the rights and responsibilities the Constitution places on all Americans, young and old. In one especially winning picture, the kids' long-nosed, long-eared pooch provides "for the common defense," keeping lackadaisical guard over the camp as the three human friends yuk it up in silhouette inside the tent. Readers will never yawn at mention of the Constitution again! (Ages 8 to 12) --Emilie Coulter

Catrow (*She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head!*), who doubles as a political cartoonist, writes in his amiable introduction, "When I paint my paintings and draw my cartoons, I can do them any way I want. Being able to do that makes me very happy and very free. And I think that's exactly what all those old guys with their big words and big ideas wanted," he says, referring to the authors of the Constitution and the liberty he enjoys as a result of their efforts. Following a casual glossary (e.g., "insure domestic tranquility" means "To make sure that we can all have a nice life and get along with one another"), he takes fresh liberties he uses the Preamble as text for spry, loopy cartoons chronicling three eccentric-looking kids and a spirited pooch on a backyard camping caper. The characters review a poster outlining rules for the evening ("establish Justice"); wearing a helmet and looking bored, the dog stands guard as the kids frolic in the tent ("provide for the common defense"). And everyone snuggles under a blanket ("and secure the Blessings of Liberty") while two parents survey the placid scene from a window ("to ourselves and our Posterity"). With his customary satiric flair, Catrow inserts plentiful tongue-in-cheek visuals: a saucepan bouncing off one child's head while she sits entangled in another child's rope hardly suggests "domestic Tranquility." This zany, patriotic paean offers kids lighthearted but meaningful incentive to reflect further on the relevance of those "big words" and "big ideas." All ages.

My daughter responds very well to learning through books. She loves these pictures and it really helps the words to stay in her memory. We worked on the preamble a little a few months prior to purchasing this book, but since we have read it several times (in just a couple of weeks time), she almost has the whole preamble memorized. THANK YOU FOR THIS BOOK!!!! It was a genius idea. And moreover, I really appreciate all of the definitions and explanations for each line of the preamble located at the front of the book. It is important to us that our children don't just remember the words, but they also know the meaning. Sometimes we do not always know how to explain the meaning of such things in a way that our children will understand. This thoughtful portion of the book really allows her to easily comprehend the words that she is learning. I highly recommend.

This is an amazing way to introduce our grandchildren to the Constitution. The visuals are amazing - the writing makes the book fun - Since our grandchildren are growing up in a country with an amazing history and the oldest Constitution, it is time for them to feel a part of the process.

Rebecca Rupp, this is my first year homeschooling I purchased home learning year by year how to design a homeschool curriculum from preschool through High School... the resources are amazing whether you want to add extra school work tutor this book by Rebecca Rupp led me to purchase this book we the kids.

Love this book and the beautiful pictures!

Very cute way to teach the meaning of the preamble in a way children can grasp.

This book was fantastic as a leaping stone for my daughters. My girls were pleased and inspired to open dialog on our Constitution. They began here and moved on to other sources as their questions evolved.

The preamble is presented in bite size chunks for comprehension purposes. Corresponding illustrations accompany each section. This presentation of concepts help solidly reader understanding and mastery of text concepts.

So glad to have the book in my hand to read this year.

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