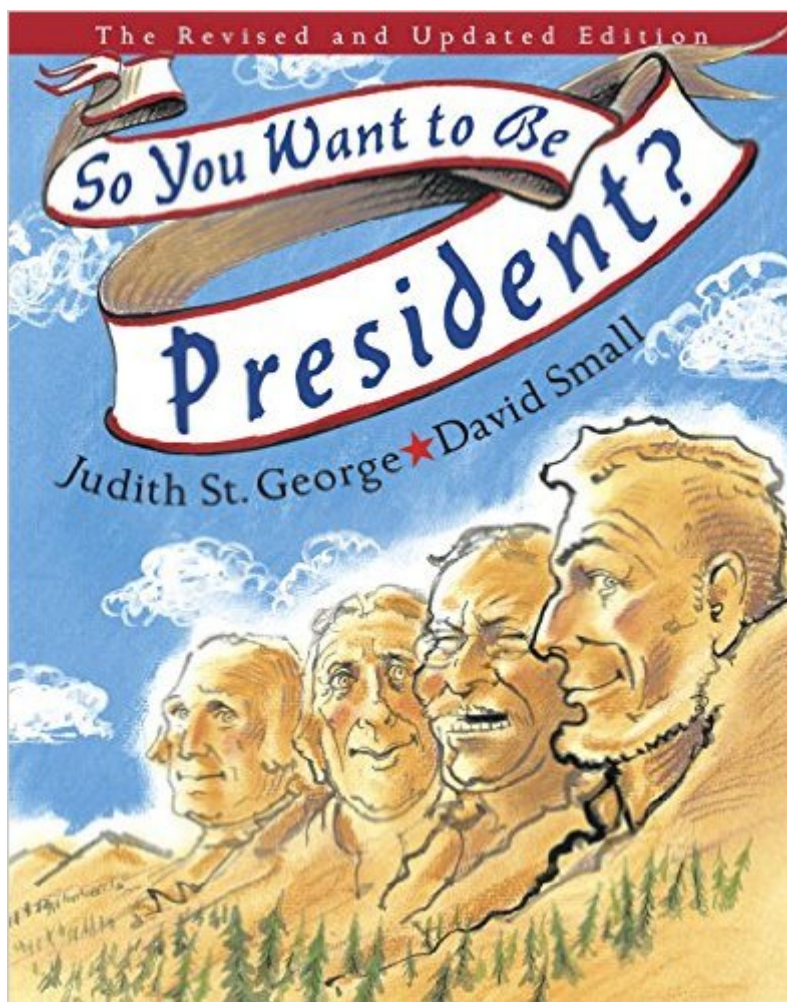


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So You Want To Be President?



Synopsis

This new version of the Caldecott-winning classic by illustrator David Small and author Judith St. George is updated with current facts and new illustrations to include our forty-second president, George W. Bush. There are now three Georges in the catalog of presidential names, a Bush alongside the presidential family tree, and a new face on the endpaper portraiture. Hilariously illustrated by Small, this celebration by St. George shows us the foibles, quirks and humanity of forty-two men who have risen to one of the most powerful positions in the world. Perfect for this election year--and every year!

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Customer Reviews

Did you know that six of our presidents were named James and four were named William? Or that James Madison was our smallest president at only five feet four inches, Abe Lincoln our tallest at six feet four inches and William Howard Taft weighed more than three hundred pounds? Did you know that most presidents went to college, but nine didn't and they included George Washington and Harry Truman. Presidents have come from all walks of life, had lots of different interests and hobbies and have found their way to the most powerful office in the world, in a variety of ways. Judith St. George has taken the stuffiness out of presidential history and written a very clever, witty book full of funny anecdotes and interesting facts. Her easy to read and enjoyable text is

complimented by David Small's expressive and imaginative political cartoon-like illustrations. Together they take some of the mystery out of the presidency and let future aspirants know that anyone can grow up to be president. This is a terrific book for 8-12 year olds, chock full of information and includes an appendix with dates and important contributions for each of our 41 presidents.

Political times are here! Campaign promises are in the air. Do these two candidates--Barack Obama and John McCain have the "right stuff?" Let's check them out against previous presidents. "So You Want to Be President" is filled with all kinds of facts about all previous 42 presidents. Oh, I heard you--you're right, there have been 43 presidents. This book, written by Judith St. George and illustrated by David Small and published in 2000 just before the election, contains all kinds of facts about the men who have been president. If you are a blood relative of a president, your chances go up to become a president. Father and son twice, grandfather/grandson, fifth cousins, and second cousins. You don't have to be handsome to be president--Lincoln wasn't and he certainly stands the test of time. Harding was handsome and he is rated one of the worst presidents. And there's Bill Clinton...Nine presidents played instruments; nine did not go to college. Jefferson was "top-notch in the brains department." Ten presidents were generals in the military. Almost any job can lead to the White House, including tailor and actor. If you are dishonest, you get kicked out. This book was awarded the Caldecott Gold Medal in 2001 for best children's literature to be published the previous year. The illustrations are humorous and serious, always eye-catching and complementary to the script. The text is equally entertaining and educational. This book will be a classic because it is historical and accurate. A delightful journey through American history, particularly the presidents, makes this a welcome addition to any library collection.

Although this book is "rated" for grades 3-5, it's my kindergarten-aged child who loves it most. The book is an entertaining and informative intro to the variety of men who have served in the presidency. Small's illustrations are fun and imaginative, yet accurate enough that each president is easily recognizable. The major presidents are highlighted. We really like the chronological index at the end which, in two or three sentences, summarizes each man's presidential contributions. Emily chose this before it won its award, but it was already a winner in our house!

My name is Andrew Fuller. I am 9 and a presidential expert. I recommend this book for all kids, I collect Presidential books and this is my favorite one on funny stories about the Presidents. I gave a

copy of it to George W Bush last week when I got to meet him in Tampa, Florida. The author is going to have to update it and put him in it also!

My third grade teacher read this book to my class. I found the book to be hilarious. It has funny facts about the presidents in American history and it wasn't made up, all these facts are true. I like to read this book over and over again. It is a teacher's choice.

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