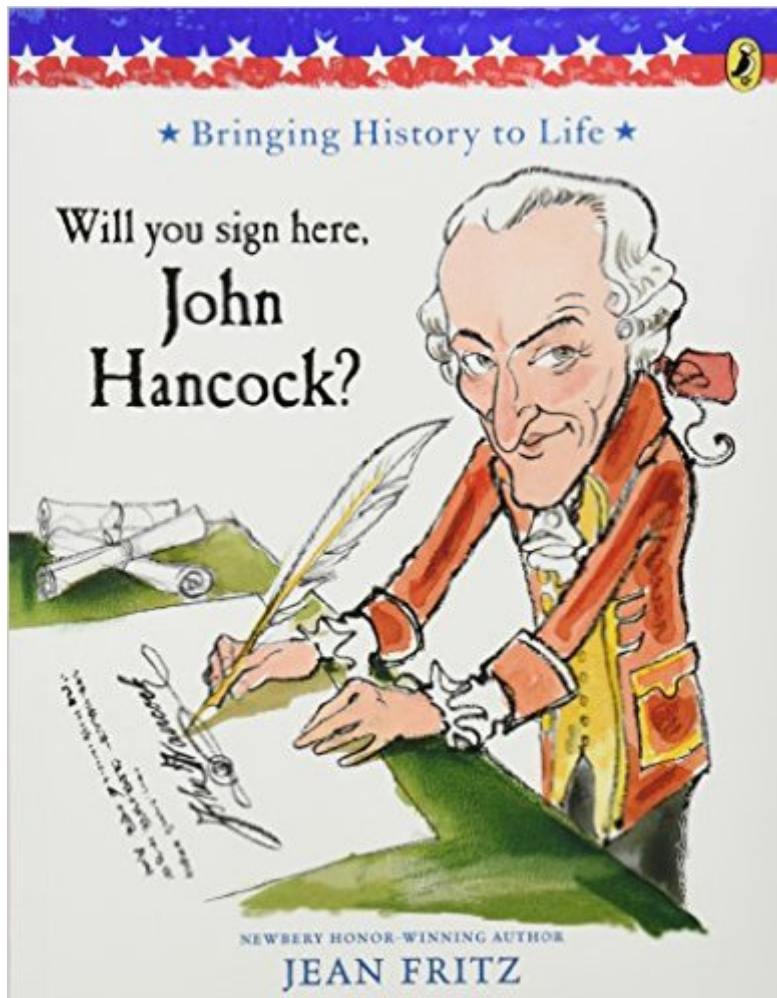


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# Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?



## Synopsis

“The book is a most enjoyable view of history”. The delightful illustrations exactly suit the times and the extraordinary character of John Hancock. “The Horn Book” Everyone knows that John Hancock was one of the first signers of the Declaration of Independence. But not many know that he signed his name so large to show how mad he was about how the colonists had been treated. This witty book highlights little-known facts about this historical figure.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

John Hancock was a true American patriot. This is a well-researched biography of the first signer of the Declaration of Independence outlining his childhood, all that he did for himself, and what he did for Massachusetts and his new nation. Once the richest man in New England, Hancock also wanted to be liked by everyone. However, when King George started issuing taxes to America, he refused to pay them. He went on to become the president of the Second Continental Congress. A very colorful and flamboyant character, he signed his name nice and big on the Declaration of Independence so King George could read it without his spectacles!

Everything you need to know, if you read it from this book. I personally think this is one of Jean

Fritz's best short American history books. The biggest and first name on the Declaration of Indipendance, If America lost, He would be the first one to die. Full of information, this book is a great learning tool and biography of this American Patriot. Look for other titles like " And then what happened, Paul Revere?", and " Can't you make them behave, King George?" also by Jean Fritz.

Jean Fritz's series of American history books, including "Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?", have proven to be favorites all around for my seven year old second grader. They are the perfect reading level for him (though, in general, they might be more fitting for slightly older children), and they offer a great first look into early America with a good dose of entertainment to really spark children's interest. The text and accompanying illustrations are intelligent, enjoyable, and memorable.

A owner of a Christian Book Store recommended this when I asked for a book that tells the truth about American history. My 8 year old grand son has a sharp interest in our country's history and I did t want him to only get the watered down and twisted version dished out in public schools. He has really enjoyed several of Jean Fritz's books.

My homeschooled kindergartener and I recently discovered these biographies by Jean Fritz, and we are loving them! I'm learning all sorts of stuff I never knew as I read them to her. They are very entertaining, offer lots of detail and humor, and tell it all in an engaging story that follows a theme (here, John Hancock's desire for popularity). Trina Schart Hyman's artwork is a particularly good match in this one, showing John looking straight at us as we read as if to see if we notice his spectacular outfit or accomplishment. Excellent!

Jean Fritz brings history to life in his charming biography, Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? The author knows how to hold on to historical accuracy while making history fun for students. Young readers and their parents will adore this light, fun and educational read.

since he is related to me in a way, thought i should check this out and maybe give to my GrandchildrenCame very quickly and i thank you

This book reveals John Hancock as a human being.His flaws and motives,nuances not found elsewhere.The art is sublime,making this tome worth re-reading.

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