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From Reader Review Marco Polo for online ebook

Alejandro says

Fun quick read

everything you need to know in less than 10 minutes

As a fan of the show yes it's worth reading as to understand some of the story in more detail.

Maxym says

I liked all his adventures. They were good and interesting.

Tricia says

Visually stunning book that recounts Marco Polo's 24-year expedition to China. Appropriate for grades 4-7.

Jacque says

I read this aloud for school. All three kids have it 5 stars. They liked how much Marco Polo learned during his explorations.

Shiloah says

This was a very interesting and informative book. It did take over an hour to read, so plan for that if you're doing a read-aloud like us.

Patricia McLaughlin says

The amazing life of the first world traveler, chronicled with exquisitely detailed illustrations and well-crafted vignettes of Marco Millions' marvelous adventures.

Gnweiss says

Marco Polo by Demi is one of her many picture book biographies. Demi is the author and illustrator, her work received many awards among them the Christopher Award which recognizes individuals who make a

positive difference. Demi use Chinese inks and gold overlays. Inside jacket page is adorned with Persian tapestry design with gold, blues and rust. The Author's note page is trimmed with camel borders each with a Persian blanket every one a different design. Demi goes in great detail with the travels of Marco Polo, his father Niccolo, and uncle Maffeo were traders who traveled to China, Constantinople, and Persia. Marco did not return to his father till he fifteen. The Polos were home for two years and it was time to make the journey to China to see the great Kublai Khan. Now it was time for Marco to go with his father and uncle, they set sail with all of the finery of the west, gifts, holy oil, and letter from Pope Gregory for the Emperor Kublai Khan. Marco Polo recorded all of the astonishing adventures. This is an authentic biographical fiction based Demi's research of Marco Polo. This book is perfect for grades 4,5,6.,

Dolly says

We read half of this book on one evening, but then put it aside for over a week. Then we realized that we hadn't finished it yet. It was a good overview of Marco Polo's life and Demi's illustrations are just as wonderful as we've come to expect.

Our youngest daughter believes we're overdoing the Marco Polo story, since we've read several books about his life recently, but I am fascinated by his adventures. And she did study him in school, so I was just trying to supplement the information she's already learned. Overall, it was a good picture book about this famous man's life and travels.

Renae Deckard says

I was surprised by how much my children liked this book. It's a retelling of Marco Polo's adventures with gorgeous pictures. I thought we would read it once and be done, but I was asked to read it over and over again.

Amy says

We read this book as part of our homeschool studies of the Middle Ages. There are parts that are funny and interesting, giving a real flavor of who Marco Polo was and the wild experiences he had. And then there are several chunks of the book that read like a catalog of people & places, as though the author was just trying to make sure that every place Marco Polo ever visited was included in the story. I can work with that. It makes for excellent map work, and, if you pull out an extra map to work with alongside the book, it's a great opportunity for a student to follow along on the map while reading the story.

The illustrations are really wonderful, and some time should be taken just to explore them as works of art, apart from the story.

Margaret Chind says

I'm not surprised that I love this book. Demi's illustrations are so unique to me and provide so much to look at. While at this time this is much longer than what I'd read at one sitting with my girls, it's fun to come back and pick it up again and let everything soak in. We are planning to homeschool and after reading this one on Marco Polo, I went on to find several on the bargain section of Amazon and just doubled our Demi section in our personal home library. I think I'm going to have to try to own them all.

Kest Schwartzman says

the writing does not begin to do justice to the the illustrations. The illustrations are a full five stars, but the writing.... it's just too bad.

Even so, it's almost worth keeping the whole book for the illuminated map in the back.

*specifically, there's a real issue with the way this narrator slips in and out of questioning Polo's journals- so, for instance, seeing noah's arc on a mountain is presented as fact, but unicorns are corrected to rhinos. If there was no correction, and this was just Polo's interpretation, it would be fine. If it was all presented as questionable, that would be fine. But the back and forth is problematic at best

Benjamin Zapata says

"This elegant, scholarly picture-book biography brings the explorer's fantastic journey to life." -School Library Journal. This is another beautiful Demi book. She covers the Marco Polo story so beautifully, moving from Venice to China on the Silk Road, and then back to Venice, half a lifetime later, a journey full of wonders, danger, and adventures. After reading Demi's book, I really want to read the classic "The Travels of Marco Polo", which became a medieval best-seller, and copies were translated by hand into all the European languages. Still one of the most famous books ever!

Carolynne says

Gives a fascinating account of Marco Polo's journey to China and all the wonders he saw along the way. The book style is too choppy to match the glorious elegance of the magnificent illustrations, and I would have liked more information in the text as well. Marco Polo's fantastic account was, according to Demi's story, often not believed, and the meticulously painted illustrations lend credibility to the story. The richly gilded illustrations are wonderful--I just wanted the text to be wonderful, too, instead of--okay. Well worth sharing with children, though, for whom this may be their only exposure to the great explorer.

Shannon says

Inside Cover:

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