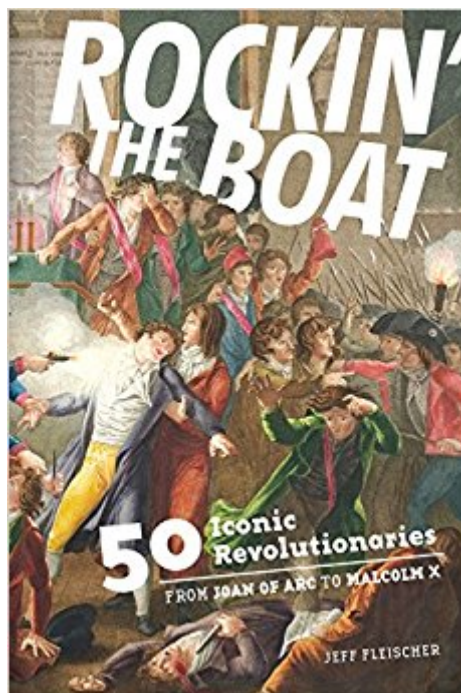




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Rockin' The Boat: 50 Iconic Revolutionaries - From Joan Of Arc To Malcom X



Synopsis

We love to root for the underdog, and that's part of why we're drawn to the stories of revolutionaries. Whether they fail, succeed, or succeed only to become what they once fought against, people who can rally others to their cause and shake up the status quo tend to be inherently interesting. *Rockin' the Boat* tells the stories of 50 such legends throughout the world, from people fed up with the Roman Empire and the revolutionaries who helped create America.

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•This collection of 50 revolutionaries spans continents and centuries. The profiles start with Carthaginian general Hannibal Barca and end with civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. Others include George Washington, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Geronimo, Malcolm X, and Cesar Chavez. As Fleischer mentions in his introduction, some figures are clearly heroes while others are obvious villains, but "most fall somewhere in between." The entries are a few pages long, detailing major accomplishments and lasting influence, with photos and text boxes that add context or highlight interesting facts. Arranged chronologically, the book is heavy on male revolutionaries, particularly at the beginning, with only nine women featured. Though brief, the chapters are still dense and somewhat tedious. The pictures are accompanied by lively captions, such as "Boudica, mid-harangue" or "Emma Goldman is not interested in your nonsense." Unfortunately, this same energetic spirit wasn't injected into the text. VERDICT The concept is better than the content, but readers looking to research a specific person or movement will find this compilation suitable for their needs.
•Amanda MacGregor, formerly at Apollo High School Library, St. Cloud, MN

PRAISE "A gallery of historical troublemakers starting with Hannibal and ending with Martin Luther King, Jr. ...Snarky picture captions ('Emma Goldman is not interested in your nonsense') and sidebar references to pop culture further enlighten the overall tone. ...Salutary portraits in radicalism." -- Kirkus Reviews "A lively narrative, an accessible length, and deadpan humor--particularly in captions (George Washington is 'tight in tights' and Sitting Bull 'sits bullishly')--allow for irreverent, edifying reading." -- Publishers Weekly

Really interesting book that makes history come alive. It is witty and smart, highlighting a number of revolutionaries I didn't know that much about. Highly recommend.

Fascinating summaries, especially of people I Didn't know much about. I particularly appreciated the historically context for each story.

it's a delightful and varied collection including an item relating to my ancestors.

Honestly, Zest Books has never let me down and finishing out my part of this tour, I can say that they are truly a diverse publishing group. You may wonder just how much info you can get in a book about 50 different icons in history and I'm here to tell you it's a lot more than you would think. The author expertly touches on various aspects of each person, including trivia bits that can be used in conversation with others who have the same interests. This is a book that can be shared throughout a family or a group of friends. A helpful reference when either researching one of those listed in the book or to use as a starting point in finding someone to do further research on. For any history teachers out there, this would be a great supplement to your classroom library. For students, nothing like being able to add something interesting facts during class discussions. Any person who has an interest in iconic figures in history would find this book right up their alley. An issue with the book though, is the small font throughout the book. This is a limitation for those with vision issues. A bigger font would bring in more readers. Yes, this would make for a larger book, but even if the book doubled in size, it would be very manageable. My reading glasses got a work out with this one, but I survived.

The information here on the fifty folks the author features is fairly basic but it does provide a starting point for deeper study. Although the majority of the people discussed (Julius Caesar, Joan of Arc,

Gandhi, Nelson Mandela. etc.) are well known there are a few individuals who haven't had as much attention thus far. The chapters are short and flow smoothly so even non-readers shouldn't have problems. This would be a good book for home schooling or for use in a school library.

Love this! Rockin' the Boat is great history storytelling. The personalities of each revolutionary come through loud and clear, and I learned a lot about their times and causes along the way.

Rockin' the Boat is not your everyday trivia compilation. Fleischer's list of 50 iconic revolutionaries provides a compact history that inspires the reader to dig deeper into the realms of war, medicine, religion and social activism. The content is jam packed with tongue-in-cheek observations and a nod to the authors feminist disposition and world view. I am beyond please to find the likes of Emma Goldman and Kate Sheppard among the ranks in this delightful read!

Viva la revoluciÃfÂ n! Compelling writing about some of history's most fascinating figures.

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