



2005

Liberty Rising: The Story of the Statue of Liberty

Sandra L. Tidwell

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr>

BYU ScholarsArchive Citation

Tidwell, Sandra L. (2005) "Liberty Rising: The Story of the Statue of Liberty," *Children's Book and Media Review*: Vol. 26 : Iss. 4 , Article 12.

Available at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr/vol26/iss4/12>

This Book Review is brought to you for free and open access by the All Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in Children's Book and Media Review by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact scholarsarchive@byu.edu, ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu.

Shea, Pegi Deitz. *Liberty Rising: The Story of the Statue of Liberty*. Illustrated by Wade Zahares. Henry Holt, 2005. ISBN 0805072209. \$17.95. [44 p.]

Reviewer: Sandra L. Tidwell

Reading Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Historical fiction;

Subject: Statue of Liberty (New York, N.Y.)--Juvenile literature; Bartholdi, Frédéric Auguste, 1834-1904--Juvenile literature; New York (N.Y.)--Buildings, structures, etc.--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

Liberty Rising tells the story of the Statue of Liberty which began as an idea in the mind of Frenchman, Edouard Laboulaye, and was brought to reality through the efforts of his friend, Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi. Shea's text explains the complicated infrastructure design and construction stages of this colossal monument and conveys the excitement at its unveiling on October 28, 1886. Zahares' boldly colored pastel illustrations, most of which span one-and-a-half pages, compliment the text.

Other books may have more detailed information or actual photographs of the monument for older readers; this selection's coverage of this amazing building feat will catch the attention of preschoolers. Zahares' pastels are striking and the book concludes with an impressive double-page fold-out illustration of the entire monument. The pronunciation guide, chronology and "for further reading" sections at the end of the book are also helpful.