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Liberty's Journey

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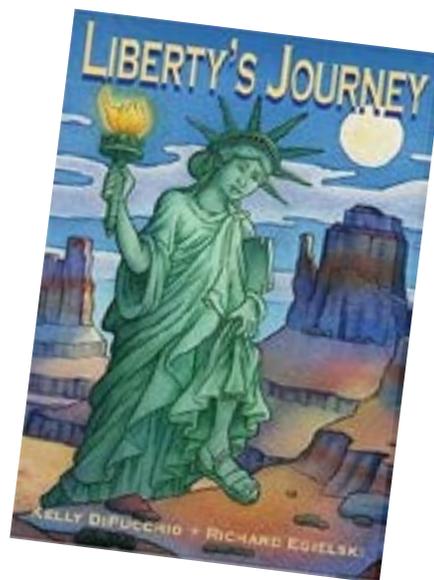
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Book Review

Title: Liberty's Journey
Author: Kelly DiPucchio
Illustrator: Richard Egelski
Reviewer: Aubree Keate
Publisher: Hyperion Books For Children
Year: 2004
ISBN: 9780786818761
Pages: 30
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

Lady Liberty has always wished she could roam and visit the many people she's welcomed into her lands, and early one morning she sets out to do just that. Stepping down from her revered place surrounded by the buildings of Manhattan, she begins a trek west across the United States of America. Leaving the skyscrapers behind, she visits green and brown fields, small town county fairs, open deserts, and concludes her journey at the great Golden Gate Bridge. However, it doesn't take long for her to feel lonely for her city's brilliant lights. Once home, she is met with cheers and waves from firefighters and citizens of New York who welcome her back home.

Young children and adults alike will be captivated by the rhythmic flow of the text, written in poetic form. Complete with rhyming words, the prose paints a beautiful picture of each event in the book. In addition to expanding their vocabulary, children will enjoy the many details included in the illustrations. From farm fields to busy city streets, the illustrator provides great opportunities for discussion about the different lifestyles, hobbies, and landscapes found across the United States. Adults will appreciate the author's creative writing style and the opportunities to teach children about history, geography, reading, and more, all in one book!