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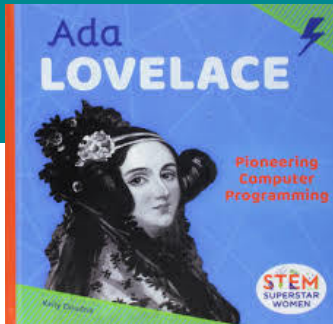
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Book Review

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When a person thinks of a scientist, they usually consider the men that dominate the field. In reality, there were many important women who made a strong contribution in this area. Ada Lovelace is one of those women. Ada's life is chronicled from birth to death in this book. The text focuses on her many contributions to science and mathematics in a time when women were not supported in receiving an education. Ada's mother encouraged this, her husband continued with the support, and Ada pursued her passion until her early death.

Ada Lovelace is a perfect picture book to introduce students to famous female scientists. It is easy to read, including enough description about her life without overshadowing her influence in the field. The book does; a nice job of showcasing how her upbringing, parental assistance, and marital encouragement supported her education. Additionally, it incorporates many facts about the time period; to let the reader know the struggles throughout society that Ada had to overcome. The book touts a "STEM" label on the front cover, which is an area that schools are trying to incorporate within their academics. School libraries should include books about women in science, and this is a great biography to put in the collection.