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Albert Einstein



Book Review

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Dependable

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This pocket biography about Albert Einstein gives young readers a glimpse into the life of the man many call “the smartest man who ever lived.” Some young readers might find it surprising to learn that Einstein didn’t actually like school at first. Next, readers will learn about when he started to enjoy school, had a family, earned the Nobel Peace Prize, and was involved in World War II. Finally, readers might learn things they previously didn’t, such as the fact that Einstein was Jewish and that the US government kept an eye on him because they didn’t trust him. Albert Einstein made a positive impact on the world, an impact that can never be erased.

Pocket Bios are small, almost pocket-sized biographies about people important to US and world history, including Neil Armstrong, Cleopatra, Rosa Parks, and Muhammad Ali. Each book has page spreads that include a simple heading, a few related sentences, the year the event on that page occurred, and a relevant comic-like illustration. The vocabulary and concepts are quite simple, making it an appropriate resource for third through sixth graders to use to quickly learn about important historical figures. The text includes experiences that make these important, world-changing people human. The back of the book includes a map with labels and events, as well as a timeline, interesting random facts, and illustrations of relevant people from his life.