PocketBios: Neil Armstrong

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This pocket bio does a brilliant job of summarizing the major events in Neil Armstrong's life. It talks about how he was a pilot, and due to his amazing skills as a pilot he was chosen to be one of the first astronauts. The space race was mentioned, without any real negative bias, and it talked about the first mission to land on the moon. Eventually he retired to his hometown and bought a dairy farm. It ends with a timeline showing where in his life the different events shown took place, which is a great way to see his life laid out clearly and succinctly.

These pocket bios are easily one of the best historical children's book series on the market right now. They are succinct and yet very informative, able to encapsulate the life of Neil Armstrong and other great historical figures in a few sentences per page. The simplicity is one of its greatest attributes—as kids of any age can read and learn from it. It doesn’t contain very large vocabulary word, so kids by first or second grade will easily be able to read these. An absolute delight and wonderful pocket bio. I would highly recommend any and all of the pocket bios series to any young reader because it teaches real history without being overly complicated or boring. A wonderful book!