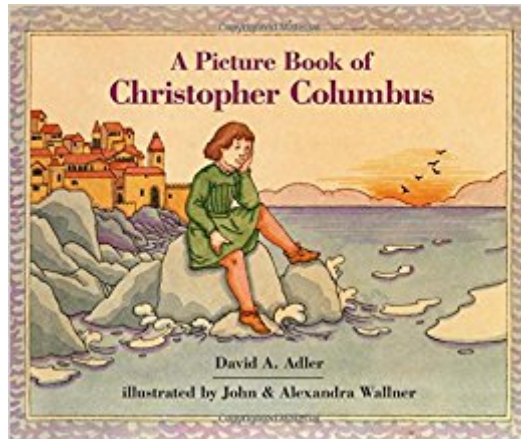


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A Picture Book Of Christopher Columbus (Picture Book Biographies)



Synopsis

His historic voyage and his experiences in the New World.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3-- Adler includes all the important information about this explorer's early life and later achievements, but his writing style is a bit drier than in the other series entries. He mentions that Columbus's men were cruel to the Indians in his absence and consequently were killed, but otherwise does not convey much sense of the danger involved in the voyages or give many clues to Columbus's character or personality. The Wallners' illustrations, as in the earlier biographies, are framed watercolors that surround the text. They offer a delightful look at Renaissance dress and housing and add immeasurably to the spare text. A list of important dates is appended, and a map of the first voyage is included. Both the text and the illustrations are superior to Robert Young's *Christopher Columbus* (Silver Pr, 1990), which relies heavily on fictionalized dialogue. There are many books about Columbus appearing at this time, but this title fills the bill for those looking for an attractive picture book presentation of the basic facts. --Jean H. Zimmerman, Willett School, South River, NJ
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David Abraham Adler (born April 10, 1947) is the author of nearly 200 books for children and young adults, most notably the Cam Jansen mystery series, the "Picture Book of..." series, and several acclaimed works about the Holocaust for young readers. Adler was born in New York City, New York. He graduated from Queens College in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in economics and education. For the next nine years, he worked as a mathematics teacher for the New York City Board of Education, while taking classes towards a master's degree in marketing, a degree he was awarded by New York University in 1971. In that same year, a question from his then-three-year-old nephew inspired Adler to write his first story, *A Little at a Time*, subsequently published by Random House in 1976. Adler's next project, a series of math books, drew on his experience as a math teacher. In 1977, he created his most famous character, Cam Jansen, originally featured in *Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds*, which was published that year. Adler married psychologist Renee Hamada in 1973, and their first child, Michael, was born in 1977. By that time Adler had taken a break from teaching and, while his wife continued her work, he stayed home, took care of Michael, and began a full-time writing career. Adler has three children and one grandson. He lives in Woodmere, New York. Alexandra Wallner has written and illustrated a number of books about famous literary and historical figures, including *An Alcott Family Christmas* and *Beatrix Potter*. She lives in Maine with her husband, illustrator John Wallner. John Wallner has illustrated many titles in David A. Adler's *Picture Book Biography* series. He lives in Maine.

A little too detailed for Kindergartners, but great pictures for teaching about Christopher Columbus/Indigenous People's Day.

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Thank you

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