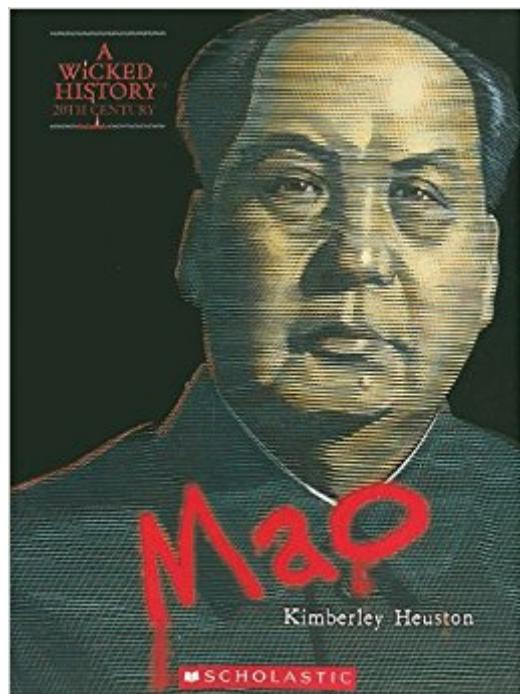


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## Book Information

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This book is a biography of Mao that portrays him as the monstrous ego behind the horrors of Communist China. Written at an upper-grades reading level, the vocabulary includes: anarchy, annihilation, commune, confiscation, devastating, dissenter, famine, guerrilla, humiliation, propaganda, purge, quotation. Graphic descriptions of mob violence perpetrated against the middle class by the peasants, the looting committed by the Party against the peasant cooperatives, the brutal torture in order to extract "confessions" (whipping, burning, fingernail torture, beatings), millions of people executed by frenzied laborers, labor/death camps, and the utter annihilation of the "Cultural Revolution". Parents may want to pre-read. This biography/history rolls right along with a sense of detachment, but these are big issues for kids. Socialism is evil. This book shows it clearly.

Excellent series!

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