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When Jackie Saved Grand Central: The True Story Of Jacqueline Kennedy's Fight For An American Icon



Synopsis

Before she was an iconic First Lady of the United States, Jackie Kennedy was a born-and-raised New Yorker. She loved everything about her city, from the natural beauty of the parks to the architectural history of the buildings. So when the owners of Grand Central wanted to build a skyscraper on top of the famous train station, Jackie knew they had to be stopped. She helped inspire thousands of people to come together and fight to protect the historic landmark. From letter-writing campaigns all the way to the Supreme Court, this little-known story celebrates winning in the face of immeasurable odds and how one person can make a big difference.

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Customer Reviews

“What a great idea for a book!... an offering as charming as it is informative.”
—Booklist, starred review | “...an inspiring historical episode that also makes a strong case for the general value of preserving our country’s architectural treasures. Grand, in several ways.”
—Kirkus, starred review

I can't image Grand Central with a skyscraper on top of it! If it weren't for Jackie Kennedy Onassis and her group who fought for the building, it might not be there as it is today in all its historic glory.

My 7-year-old did a research paper on Jackie Kennedy and gave a presentation. This was one resource she used to learn more about Jackie's accomplishments. The story of saving Grand Central really piqued my daughter's interest and she ended up talking so much about Jackie for months after. This book was such a hit, she brought it to school to read to her class. As a parent, I appreciate how engaging the writing is, and that it's appropriate for varied age levels, from advanced younger readers through 6th grade.

This is a good book to read to little ones. It teaches about how activism can help save our history or change the course of history. Jackie loved NY and recognized the architectural value of Grand Central to all Americans.

Well presented. Hope every elementary school in NYC has this book for their students.

Any Jackie fan should pick up this book. The illustrations are great and the story is too. Lovely item that arrived just on time and in perfect condition.

Good book for kids up to 4th grade. As an adult, I enjoyed it as well.

Adorable book and an interesting piece of Jackie's legacy...

a wonderful true and inspiring story for any child.

This is a wonderful Children's Book. It belongs in every library and household with young children.

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