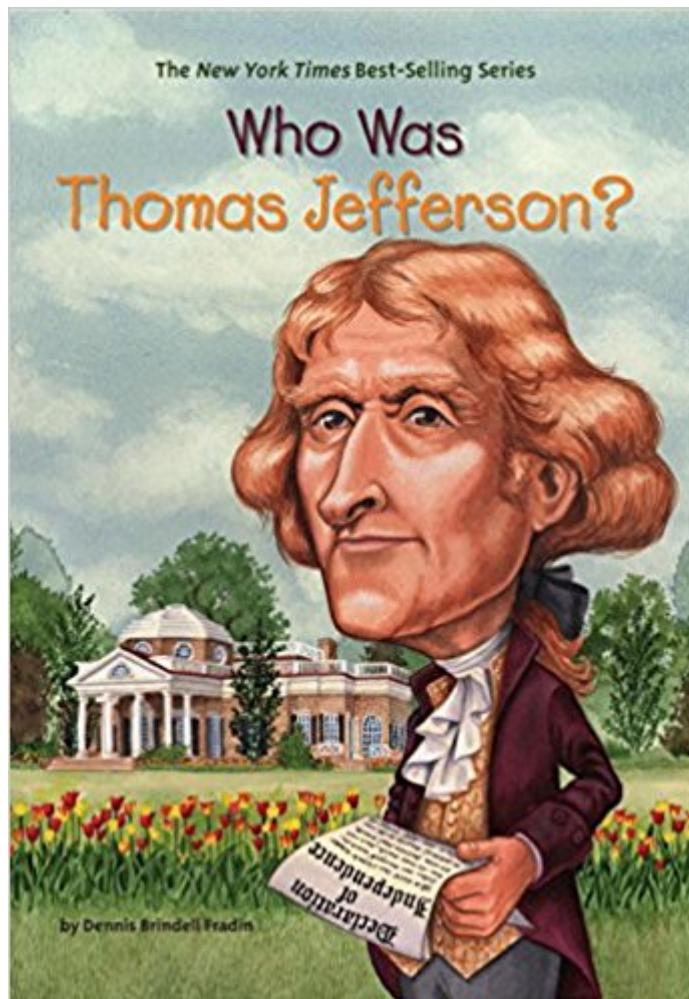


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# Who Was Thomas Jefferson?



## Synopsis

Did you know that John Adams had to coax Thomas Jefferson into writing the Declaration of Independence? It's true. The shy Virginia statesman refused at first, but then went on to author one of our nation's most important and inspiring documents. The third U.S. president, Jefferson was also an architect, inventor, musician, farmer, and-what is certainly the most troubling aspect of his life-a slave owner. Finally, here's a biography for kids that unveils the many facets of this founding father's remarkable and complicated life.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Perfect for kids who are beyond easy-to-read books but not quite ready for really long biographies

The author of more than 225 children's and young adult non-fiction books, Dennis Brindell Fradin was the winner of many awards, including the Flora Steiglitz Straus best non-fiction book of the year, two Carter Woodson awards, a Golden Kite honor plaque, and three Society of Midland Authors Best Book prizes, Dennis prided himself on writing graceful, readable prose for young people. A born storyteller, the decade he spent as a second-grade teacher helped him perfect his fluid style of writing for children.

My elementary school age son picked Thomas Jefferson for his biography project this year and his teacher recommended this book. I did some research on my own after seeing the 1 star reviews and found this book to be fairly accurate along the lines of current historical consensus. I would definitely recommend this book to other elementary school age kids who have a project or want to learn more about the author of the Declaration of Independence, but be prepared to talk with your children about the historical context of the events of Jefferson's life to make sure they really understand everything.

This is a great series for 8-10 year olds. Better several small books than one big one!

Easy to read, interesting facts a young kid can retain.

In my opinion, Jefferson was probably the most accomplished of all our early Presidents. Once you read of his varied interest, his worldly reputation, and the areas of enlightenment he brought to the early American forefront, you will better understand his importance to the early development of the United States as a world power. History best remembers Jefferson as the author of The Declaration of Independence, a governor of Virginia Colony, minister to France, Secretary of State in Washington's first administration, vice-president to John Adams, and finally our 3rd President. All of the above are mileposts in his accomplishments but the true interest lies in the details. Jefferson opened up the White House to members of congress including friends as well as foes. He was interactive with truly the great men of the early revolution. Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John Hancock, James Madison, John Monroe and many more founding fathers. He initiated the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and finally he retired to his home at Monticello. He founded, along with James Madison The University in Virginia. Jefferson loved the arts. He played the violin and loved to dance. He read the classics with great appetite.. Architecture was his love and many of the plants at Monticello today were planted by Jefferson many decades ago. He was very learned and serious in his endeavors. He died on the 50th anniversary of the Signing Of The Declaration Of Independence. Fittingly enough he died on July 4th.

Be prepared to discuss the Sally Hemming controversy with a child. In the book it states that she had his baby. Maybe this has been proven maybe it is revisionism written large. I decided not to have to answer questions from my 9 year grandson. Trashed the book.

## Interesting history

I'm 10 years old in 5 grade, it gave me a better understanding of Thomas Jefferson after my trip to D.C. And going to the museums there.

My 9-year old loved it and wrote a pretty insightful book report.

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