The Story Of Saint Patrick's Day

The Story of SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
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The story begins with the traditional symbols of the day that are often found in schoolrooms, such as shamrocks, harps, and leprechauns. Then the narrative moves to a short biography of Saint Patrick himself: as a shepherd, as a missionary, and as a teacher. This colorfull boardbook ties together the live of Patrick with the traditional images of Ireland.

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

I bought this for my class for St. Patty's Day. Being a Christian preschool teacher, I was so excited to learn the religious roots of the holiday. As a kid I never really knew myself why we celebrated. Just goes to show you--you learn new things every day.

So, I'm not gonna lie. I'm a mother of a 3.5 year old and I never knew who St Patrick was and what the importance of the day was. I thought it was for a bunch of drunks to soak themselves in vomit and green beer while other families make corned beef and cabbage....Boy was I far from the truth and have a totally different outlook on St Patricks Day now that I know the meaning behind the day and the person.

Besides Saint Valentine and Saint Nicholas, Saint Patrick is one of the most unusual as most people have an impression of this Saint that is completely erroneous. Although a Children's Book, some information surprised me, enough to try and run it down through independent research. It was
all true, and forced me to re-evaluate my idea of who this Saint was - and this from a young reader's
tome! You can gift this to a child without any misgivings at all.

Our family is very proud of our Irish heritage and we celebrate the holiday. I chose the book for a 2.5
year old. Thought it was very well done. Mentioned the symbols of Ireland, a brief history of St.
Patrick, how and why we celebrate his day in America. It was exactly what I wanted.

I bought this book (and others similar) primarily for pre-school grandchildren to introduce a little
meaning to holidays and their country. Since they are board books, the older elementary children
think of them as "baby books", however, seem to enjoy looking through them and verbally adding
more facts (or asking questions). The book seems to take a few facts from history in order to
highlight a special day. The wording and pictures are simple and thus the story easily remembered.
My grandchildren of all ages seem to recall these books with growing up and the holidays.

I have enjoyed reading this story to both of my sons. They enjoy looking at the illustrations and
learning more about the true meaning of St. Patrick’s Day. I recommend this to other parents of
young children.

St. Patrick’s day is not familiar to everyone and may not know the true story of Saint Patrick so I
sent this book to my grandchildren. I haven’t received a response but when I do, I will do an update
on this product. I am just pleased that the children will be aware of his story.

The story does touch on all aspects of St. Patrick’s Day; however, it seems to jump all over the
place. It tells readers leprechauns aren’t real. I’d prefer to "play along" with our child until he
determines this for himself.

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