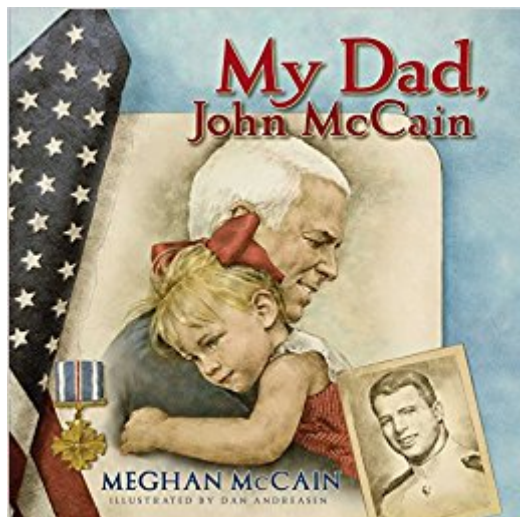


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My Dad, John McCain



Synopsis

Born the son and grandson of military men, Senator John McCain from Arizona was destined for a life serving his country in the armed forces. Like many great men, he occasionally struggled with authority, but once he found his true calling -- flying naval aircraft -- his ideals and commitment to his country took him far. From the low point of five years as a prisoner of war to the high points of raising a large, happy family and being chosen as the Republican nominee in the 2008 presidential election, Senator McCain has lived an incredible life driven by a love of his country and a desire to serve it to the best of his ability. This picture book biography, written with great love and insight by his oldest daughter, writer Meghan McCain, shows us the public John McCain and the personal John McCain in a way we've never seen before -- making this American hero come to life before young eyes.

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Customer Reviews

Although the picture-book format makes this look a bit young for kids who may actually be interested in John McCain, readers will get a broad-strokes biography, with some parts of the candidate's life brushed away altogether. The author for this adulatory tome is McCain's daughter Meghan, who begins by saying "he would make a great president." She then goes on to detail how her grandfather and great-grandfather,

both admirals in the navy, set a high standard for McCain, who had problems with authority growing up. She then traces his naval career, especially his time in Vietnam, including his five-year incarceration as a POW. But when he comes home, highly decorated, from Vietnam, “he met and married my mom, Cindy.” Well, first he divorced his wife, and nowhere, including a family picture, is there mention of his children from that marriage. An overview is given of McCain’s political career, and Andreasen’s color-and-sepia-tone art is handsome and evocative throughout. The shelf life for this could be short or it could be one of the first biographies of a new president. Grades 2-4. --Ilene Cooper

Dan Andreasen is the illustrator of numerous picture books, including *By the Dawn’s Early Light: The Story of the Star-Spangled Banner* by Steven Kroll, which was named an ABA Kids’ Pick of the Lists and a Notable Children’s Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies; *A Quiet Place* by Douglas Wood; and *Sailor Boy Jig* by Margaret Wise Brown. He has also authored several picture books, including *With a Little Help from Daddy* and *A Special Day for Mommy*. Dan lives with his family in Medina, Ohio. Meghan McCain is a blogger who documents life on the campaign trail with her father and muses about fashion, music, and pop culture. Check out her blog at McCainBlogette.com. Meghan is the oldest daughter of John McCain, U.S. senator from Arizona and the 2008 Republican presidential nominee, and Cindy Hensley McCain. She was raised in Phoenix, Arizona, and graduated from Columbia University, where she majored in art history. McCain interned at Newsweek magazine and Saturday Night Live.

Wonderfully written by the daughter of John McCain. You could feel the love put into this book. Great history lesson for kids and adults alike. I highly recommend it.

This book was truly wonderful and heartwarming. John McCain is a true American hero and his daughter tells his story in such an amazing way, it brought tears to my eyes and joy to my heart and a book that my 4 year old son enjoys so much!

I really enjoyed this book. I bought it for my sons who are 9 & 7. It’s nice to be able to explain to them why he is such an American Hero.

This is a great book for children, as well as adults. It tells everything you wish to know about John McCain. He is a great guy and strong man as the book depicts him. He is a great American hero

The illustrations are done so well also.

Sometimes in political campaigns, people get all angry at candidates like they are an opposing baseball team and they forget that they are real people and deserve to be celebrated and recognized as people. Childish name calling rips off SO many people when it comes to politics. In the case of John McCain, despite me formerly making judgments on him based upon information acquired through media, I was amazed to realize that I had so overlooked him as a person. In the book MY DAD, JOHN MCCAIN, Meghan McCain writes a lovely book about her father in language that young children can understand. Regardless of what he is thought of politically, I think it is a good thing for children to know something about famous political figures as PEOPLE not just from what razzle dazzle is (or in this case is not) force fed to us on TV. Meghan McCain is proud of her father, and everyone in my family was impressed with her simple yet direct explanations of why her father would make a good President of the United States, but also why she was proud of him and why she admires him. Such a book is good for children to read- it shows a daughter who is very proud of her father- and for good reason, John McCain is a hero for the United States. Although she explains his prisoner of war experience it is very light weight for children- it will not overwhelm them. Also, she explains simply how many good and valuable qualities he has, determination being one of them. Lastly, the book is covered with very nice illustrations done by Dan Andreasen. The colors are lovely and the drawing/paintings are beautifully done. This book is an excellent book for young people to read about one of the many American Heroes, but especially because it is from a daughter that loves her dad. It is not the BEST book I have ever read, but it is a nice simple book. For anyone else to say anything bad about it, is just sour political grapes from someone who does not understand or value family or the heritage of the United States and should not be paid attention to.

This is a brief biography of an American Hero, Arizona State Senator and 2008 Republican Presidential Nominee John McCain. The book is written by McCain's oldest daughter from his second marriage, Miss Meghan McCain. It gives a personal look into Senator McCain's background from the Naval service of his father and grandfather, his adolescence, college years at Annapolis, and his career in the U.S. Navy. We get a glimpse of his character, as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and his fortitude to remain a prisoner until the conclusion of the war. The second half of the book jumps to Mr. McCain's career as a public servant in the U.S. Congress. The book is well illustrated and captures the emotions that Miss McCain is communicating in her narrative. It is a lesson in service to one's country, one's history, and one's character. The book is appropriate for first graders

through middle school/junior high school. The work is a great tribute to an American Hero and Statesman. It is a book about a man who loves his family, military tradition and this nation. His story instills personal and national pride that many people should emulate. Highly recommend this book.

While I did enjoy learning about John McCain's extraordinary life and service to our country, this book did come across a bit campaign-ie. The first sentence reads: "There are a few things you need to know about my dad, and one of them is that he would make a great president." The last page says: It takes a great man to be president of the United States, and I know that nobody will work harder than my dad to convince people that he's the right person for the job followed by many other boastings. None of which I am saying I disagree with; however, Meghan McCain just came across as too much of a political speech writer than as a children's book author.

"My Dad, John McCain" is a children's book written by his eldest daughter. I learned some things about Mr. McCain that I didn't know previous. In a long line of navy men, the book chronicles his schooling, decision to join the Navy, his war (and POW) experience, as well as his motivation for being active in politics. No matter what your political stance, no one can deny he is a committed and brave man who dearly loves his country. He has depth of action that speaks louder than the words of shallow folks. He is also a family man and has captured the hearts of his children, which may be his highest honor yet. This book was inspiring to read, the illustrations were nice. The words may be a bit too much for younger kids, but it is something to work toward. I am very glad to have read this and wish more people had before Nov. 4th.

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