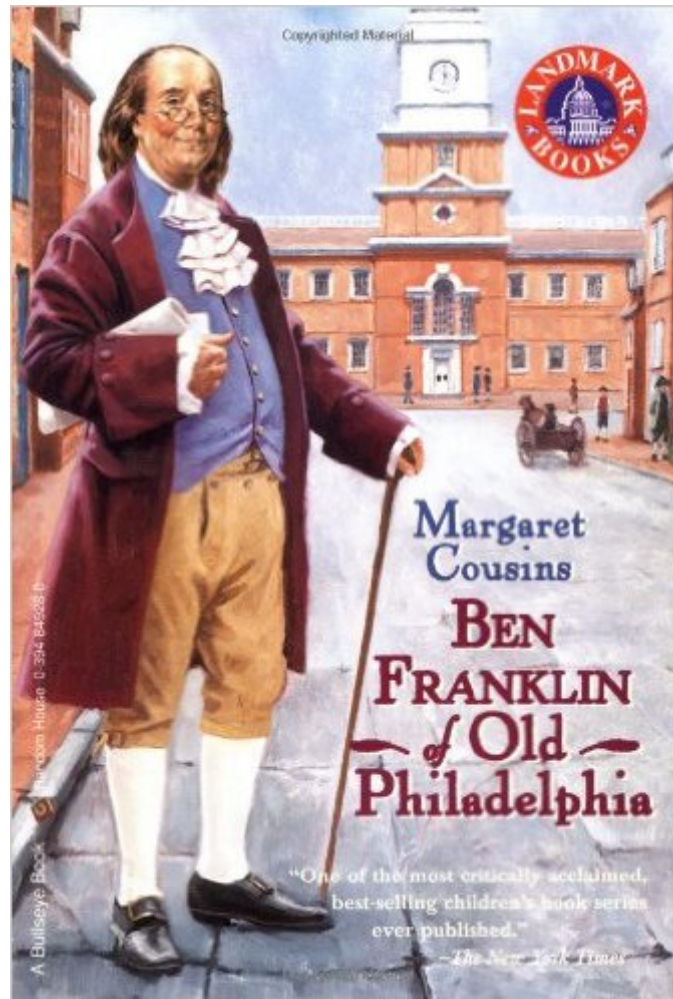


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# Ben Franklin Of Old Philadelphia (Landmark Books)



## Synopsis

Benjamin Franklin was one of the busiest men in the American colonies. He was a printer, a postmaster, an inventor, a writer, and a diplomat. When the Revolutionary War began, Ben supported America in the Continental Congress. Like the clever adages from his Poor Richard's Almanac, Ben Franklin still sets an example for Americans today.

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Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia is a great book for the elementary school reader. When we visit historic sites we buy books about the people, places, and/or events of the area and time in history. This was one such book. This book gives the reader a good overview of the life of Ben Franklin, each chapter dealing with a different aspect of his life. It covers the major points without going into details that distract the young reader from the story of Benjamin Franklin's amazing life, highlighting some of his greatest accomplishments. As a mother and a historian, I highly recommend this book for the young reader.

I read this biography aloud to my children. Until I read this book, I had no idea how brilliant Ben Franklin was! When I think of Franklin, I think about how he had flown a kite in a thunderstorm with a metal key attached to the string and felt the electric shock in his hand. I knew he invented the lightning rod and proved that electricity and lightning are identical, and I had heard of the Franklin stove, but I did not realize the extent of his inventions! He had only one year of formal education,

and he is the epitome of a homeschooler! All that he learned was largely self-taught. Franklin would be a remarkable man to meet. Some of his accomplishments that I was unaware of include: invention of bifocals and the stepladder, the first to notice that the Gulf Stream was different than the surrounding waters, founded the first circulating library in America, organized the first volunteer fire department in Philadelphia, and made the postal system more efficient. He was the first to diagnose lead poisoning, and he wasn't even a medical doctor! His observations regarding how colds are transmitted are consistent with what we know today about germs and viruses. What a truly extraordinary and inspiring man! As my kids noted, he seems to have invented everything! What would America be like today if he had never existed? We loved this book, and we plan to read other books in this series. MY RATING: 5 stars!! Loved it! Highly recommended!!

If you've been playing Nintendo all night and watching TV all day, the pace of this book is going to seem slow in comparison. But for the serious young reader who wants to learn interesting historical facts, this is a terrific book by a terrific author in a terrific series.

Landmark books are always great and this is no exception. Written by an excellent author, this is a good book for young people to learn about Ben Franklin. Unfortunately, children today seem to think that everything has to have a fun value! This book may not be "fun" in that sense, but it is a very interesting book about a very interesting person. It may not be politically correct by today's standards, but it is good solid history, a worthy book.

My ten year old son loves this book. He's amazed and excited about all of Ben Franklin's inventions and ideas; especially the ones that were for the better of the community. I highly recommend this book for a great look back at the history and contributions of Ben Franklin.

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I am reading the book personally before passing it along to my grandson and find it is interestingly written. I'm sure he will enjoy this history lesson.

Engaging stories made it fun to write a good essay about Franklin for 5th grade history. The books

explored many aspects of his character.

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