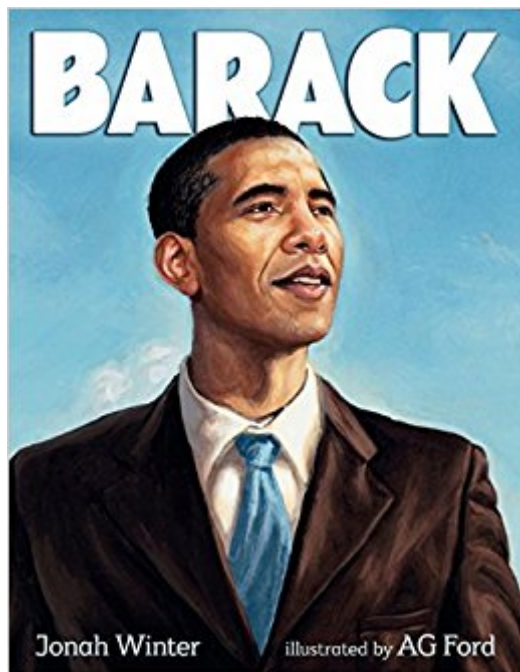


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Synopsis

A glowing picture book biography of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama. This is a journey that began in many places. It began in Kansas, home of Barack's mother. It began in Africa, home of Barack's father. It began in Hawaii one moonlit night, the night that Barack was born. Sometimes it was a lonely journey. Sometimes it was an enchanted journey. But throughout this most unusual ride, this boy often wondered: "Who am I? Where do I belong?" Jonah Winter and AG Ford re-create the extraordinary story behind the rise of the inspirational icon Barack Obama in this stunning picture book.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2
• More tribute than biography, Winter's picture book adopts the same reverential tone found in Nikki Grimes's *Barack Obama* (S & S, 2008). Yes, the facts of Obama's life can be found here. Readers learn about his brief interactions with his father from Kenya, his stay in Indonesia with his white mother and her new husband, his work in Chicago, election to the Senate, and nomination for the presidency. But Winter also includes speculations about Obama's inner questioning of his identity and endows his life with an almost messianic quality. After quoting Martin Luther King, Jr., he declares that Obama "would be the embodiment of King's dream"

presidential candidate whose very being was a bridge that joined nations." Ford's illustrations reinforce this vision of greatness, whether Obama delivers a speech in front of a huge American flag or gazes confidently into the future while skies clear behind him. Even his enthusiastic supporters may squirm at such adulation. Children deserve a more evenhanded presentation. --Kathy Piehl, Minnesota State University, Mankato Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

In an election year, no demographic goes totally ignored, including those who have quite a few years left before they can vote. Following a model similar to Nikki Grimes's *Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope* (2008), *Winter*'s book focuses on Obama's upbringing, his travels between Hawaii and Indonesia, and how he was shuttled between parents and grandparents. The book's refrain consists of two questions Obama keeps asking himself: "Who am I?" and "Where do I belong?" The nitty-gritty of politics are ignored (the word Democrat only comes up in the author's note); *Winter* instead focuses on inspiring messages of hope and change. Although filled with fewer specifics than Grimes's book, the paintings are more realistic. Interestingly, both books share some nearly identical illustrations, including an image of a tear rolling down the cheek of a churchgoing Obama. As with any such book, there is a danger in mythologizing a figure who is only beginning his political journey, but for young readers wondering about that man on the TV, this is a good starting point. Grades K-2. --Daniel Kraus --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Great great great

Bought this for my Sorority Sister baby...she LOVED the gift!!! Will purchase another book! Great baby shower gift or add to your book(s) collection.

Very informative...detailed pictures to share with children.

Purchase for school project. History in literary work. Child continues to review the book . Addition to the child library at home.

I think all children should have several books about our President in their library and I think this one

is worth purchasing.

And use it we will. Teachers will be very happy to receive this book into the now disappearing read aloud book boxes (thanks NCLB) to share with their children something about their new national leader. Donate it to a classroom today! Along with books on Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Kennedy, and the Presidents we study in school this book will help students especially at the time of this inaugural. I haven't read everything, in fact I have read only some of his biography, (that by the way is a very complex fascinating biography), and it is interesting to me that the writer of this book took from that several things. First, it speaks to the diversity of his own personal background, the world in a man. Second, it speaks to his search for understanding himself and his purposes and finally how this is materialized now in his actions, this use of "hope." Since those strands seem important, we understand the book carries this well out to kids within a biographic structure. I like, no I love, the illustrations. Wow, this is a first time children's illustrator. Sorry art is subjective. The images carry the flatness of Asian art at times, at times exotic strand, at times the Africa tradition, the work alludes back pictorially to times and books produced for children celebrating African American poetry/literature too and somehow the images are well enough drawn and painted to give an appropriate feeling of the text. No easy job. All too often it is such a difficult task the illustrator drops into cartoon. This is going to be extremely useful in my work. I will be reading with 6 and 7 year olds, it just came in the mail. I'm glad I ordered it. It's not a lengthy read, good for us and it will be a good way to initiate them knowing a bit about their new leader. I am in mandated units requiring we present these kinds of experiences for kids that fail tremendously to contextualize them with a piece of literature or a way to make them real. I read a little bit about his mom and dad. I have to add here that the writer and the illustrator dealt with that in a way that's remarkable. And for the children I teach they have a keen ear to these issues. They do indeed need to know how to go on to live a good and positive life. They need models. Great book. (there are a few reviews I see here unfit for a children's book section and if allowing parents or children to look the book here up-Danger Will Robinson)

....but I bought this to hold onto for a time when his identity is finally realized. I never expected to like it but I suspect it may become valuable at some point! If not valuable, at least comical. In all fairness, however, the artistry is really well done! The pictures are lovely.

I bought this book shortly after I saw it on the shelf in my son's first grade classroom. It was

displayed proudly, front and center. I was looking for the Reagan book, but I didn't see it there. Anyway the book is quite strange and the reasons for Obama's mother and father disappearing throughout isn't made clear. I guess that's why it's a kids book. You don't have to have things like facts. The facts probably would raise more questions than any responsible parent, or voter for that matter, would want to deal with. All in all, the book serves no logical purpose, is not inspiring and leaves one with a sense of unease. If you're honest about the read; you will be disturbed by the obvious propagandist seasoning and marinating throughout.

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