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In 1876, France decided to give the United States a very big and very special present--the Statue of Liberty. The gift was to commemorate the 100th birthday of the United States, and just packing it was no small feat--350 pieces in 214 crates shipped across the ocean. The story of how the 111-foot-tall lady took her place in the New York Harbor will fascinate young readers.

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## **From Reader Review What Is the Statue of Liberty? for online ebook**

### **Lisa says**

This is a children's nonfictional story of how the Statue of Liberty came to be. If ever anyone could know too much about one subject, I think I now may qualify! As I child, I was rather fascinated by Lady Liberty. And, I guess to a certain extent, I still was, even as an adult. However, this book took away a little bit of the "magic" for me. I found it interesting how France's "gift" to us could cost us so much financially even when we initially received it. And, talk about getting the cart before the horse! How strange that they hadn't thought of the inner support system for the statue until near the end! I also thought it was fascinating that when she was erected, women still didn't have the right to vote in this country, which seemed in contrast, in part, to what Lady Liberty represented. Still, it was inspiring to read how one man's dream took fruition and is now a physical manifestation of our great country and what it stands for. I think my nephew will enjoy this book; I just hope he's okay with the facts outshining some of the "magic."

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### **Susan says**

I just love all of these types of books and so does my daughter. They are very informative but they don't go too deep. We read a chapter a night but it can easily be done in an hour or less. Very well written and great information about an iconic statue of America.

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### **Victor says**

What is The Statue Of Liberty, BY:Joan Holub

The Statue Of Liberty was a gift from France celebrating the one hundredth birthday of the United States. When the statue was shipped over from France it came in 350 large crates. Her sandals were 25 feet long, That would make it a 879 shoe size!

I loved the book and enjoyed it very much. One thing I love about the book is that inside the book it comes with 16 pages of real photos and how they built the giant statue.

I would recommend this book to any one who would like to learn about the Statue of Liberty. I would also recommend this book to infer readers too. If you get to read this book I hope you enjoy it as much as I did!

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### **Kellan Francis says**

The statue of liberty was a good book because the statue was the tallest man made statue in new York. The statue was so tall you could see all of new York city. The statue was made all around the world in different pieces. The reason why they had to do that is because they didn't have enough material to build it in the same place.

## **Amity says**

I had a hard time deciding whether to give this two or three stars. I settled on the three, because the good things about the book outweigh the one bad thing. My daughter and I really enjoyed reading all about Lady Liberty's history, particularly about the initial idea and all of the work it took to bring it to fruition. I had no idea getting the pedestal built was probably the biggest obstacle they faced in the entire process! I love knowing that it was Americans (probably including many newly, or not yet naturalized citizens) that cooperated and raised enough money to finish building it. And while I appreciated the section discussing the statue as a national symbol, I could have done without the latent, nationalistic tone that seemed to come through when the author wrote about 9/11. It was a bit of a letdown at the end of an otherwise fabulous children's book.

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## **Suchitra Sharma says**

### **Great rea**

My 8 year old daughter loved the history behind the statue. Some of the most famous people of the world came together to make this a great symbol of liberty for world citizens

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## **M.M. Hudson says**

Here we are on the cusp of the United States celebration of Independence and what better symbol of our country to read about for the occasion. I was fortunate enough to get to visit this enormous statue in 1976 during the Bicentennial. Yes, I walked up the 354 steps up to the crown and got to see out. It was glorious. However, that is not what I am here to talk about am I?

Joan Holub along with her illustrator, John Hinderliter began the book with the inception of the statue before it was even on paper. The duo gave complete history of the Statue of Liberty right on into present day.

The creator of the Statue of Liberty was Frederich-Auguste Bartholdi who saw the vision and created smaller versions until the statute we know now came to be. Gustave Eiffel from the later Eiffel Tower fame created the inner structures that help the statue together. This was news for me!

In fact, even though I visited this now American icon all those years ago, I learned a lot from this book. A few facts to share without giving away the entire book:

\*Even though the statue was a gift, it was almost rejected by the American people, in particular the upper American wealthy at the time.

\*Only the arm and the torch were originally brought to the U. S. for display. People paid to walk up a ladder to the top of the torch.

\*The island the Statue of Liberty was placed on was chosen by the artist, originally called Bedloe Island.

\* The statue was shipped in 350 pieces which had to be reassembled like a puzzle. The problem was that some of the boxes were mismarked upon leaving France.

\*The sandals of Lady Liberty were 25 feet long, which is the equivalent of size 879.

I will not reveal more but there is so much more to read and fascinating history and people involved. The book also includes 16 original black and white photos which were absolutely amazing to see.

Overall, if you ever get the chance to see our nations Statue of Liberty you will not be disappointed. Until you can get there, read this book and learn a little about her before you go. You won't be disappointed in that either.

This book gets 5 stars!

Disclosure:I received a copy of this book in exchange for my open and honest opinion. The views expressed here are 100% my own and may differ from yours.

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### **Clayton Maxwell says**

"What Is the Statue of Liberty?" by Joan Holub is about the Statue of Liberty, and how it was made. The Statue of Liberty was not made in the US. It was actually a gift from France, which I thought was very interesting. It is also made out of copper, and it has a stainless steel exoskeleton, which was replaced later on. As you can see, this book has a lot of information, and it is a fun book to read.

I liked this book a lot, and it was easy to read. I liked how it had pictures of the statue when it was being built! It was a very interesting book.

I would recommend the book "What is the Statue of Liberty?" To middle scholars, since it was easy to read, and it was interesting.

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### **LAWonder10 says**

This is a book which should be in every U.S. elementary teacher's room, Library, and in every child's library!..French households, also!

The Statue of Liberty was not only a gift from the French government to the United States in celebration of their 100th Birthday, but according to legend, the idea was originated by a French Historian, Edouard de Laboulaye, who had studied U.S. History and felt the Declaration of Independence should apply in all countries! He didn't dare speak out because freedom of speech was not allowed under the laws of France. By creating this image for all the world to see, he could make a statement. He approached a renown sculptor at dinner that night with his idea, who was only persuaded because of what a huge masterpiece he could build. He died before he could begin and another sculptor pursued it instead.. presented the idea at a dinner party with other wealthy people. Laboulaye was able to persuade the government to do this as a "goodwill" gesture but was unable to persuade his government to fund it...It was the sculptor who created ways to raise the money.

When the statue was ready to transfer to America, the selfish millionaires of New York and other States refused to put up a dime for the foundation for it to stand on. It was through the unrelenting efforts of Joseph

Pulitzer that 121,000 Americans sacrificed what little money each could to have this foundation built! This is only a portion of the process presented in the book. There is so much more information involving the statue and those involved in creating this masterful wonder! It was simply written v=but so very interesting. People and events were well illustrated and actual photos of that time are included. This book was sent to me in exchange for an honest review, of which I have given. This is truly a Five Stars Story!

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## **Kiyu Nishiki says**

Book title?What is the statue of Liberty?

Publisher?Penguin

Book level?2

It took me ?80?minutes to read

?Seven words?

?America

?100

?years

?anniversary

?independence

?France

?gave

?Explain about book?

I was interested in how it was built.

It was built for 100 anniversary since America became independent. French people supported American independence movement, and gave it to them.

It was listed on UNESCO world heritage in 1984.

There are some replications of the statue of Liberty

ex)Paris, Las Vegas, Tokyo

It made me really surprised! And there are at least 6 replication of statue of Liberty in Japan.

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## **Tam says**

This book was educational yet also kept the attention of my 7-year-old. I knew the basic story behind the Statue of Liberty but this book had a few details that were also new to me. It has hand-drawn illustrations and real pictures.

Excerpt:

The statue's real name is Liberty Enlightening the World, but it's often called Lady Liberty or the Statue of Liberty. The statue is huge--151 feet and 1 inch tall. That's about as tall as a tower of thirty-five eleven-year-old kids stacked head-to-toe. It's made of copper and is mostly hollow, with a metal skeleton-like support structure inside and stairs so visitors can walk up into its crown. Today about four million people visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island every year.

## **zapkode says**

{My Thoughts} – Everyone knows that the Statue of Liberty was a gift to America from France. The purpose of the statue was to represent freedom, because to many other countries the United States did just that. It meant that those that were able to reach America had the chance to live freely.

This book covers many of the important events that had occurred from 1865-2009 that pertained to the Statue of Liberty. I didn't know even a quarter of the information that I'd learned while reading this book. There is so much information on the one subject that branches into a few other subjects that it makes you want to jump up and do some research of your own.

I am pleased with how this book is written. It is easy to read, easy to follow and it doesn't use any words that would be difficult to understand without giving a definition of that word afterwards. I found the illustrations to be well done but the thing I enjoyed most were the actual photos of the Statue as it was being built that had been enclosed within the pages.

The Statue of Liberty has always been an interest of mine and I am happy to have been able to learn more about it by reading this book. I hope to read more books in this series in the future.

I believe that any child that enjoys learning about history and the past will find it very easy to get lost in this book. It is well written, informative and even has illustrations to help you better understand the material in which you are reading.

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## **Lana Harriman says**

Personal Reflection - This was a very informative book that even taught me a thing or two about Lady Liberty. I think children will enjoy the many extraordinary facts found in this book, i.e. how many crates it took to pack and ship the enormous statue from France to the US. I know I didn't realize that!

Purpose - 1st - 4th grade read aloud or read to self

This book is full of so many great facts as to how the Statue of Liberty came to be such an iconic symbol in the US. There are plenty of historical facts and history lessons that can be taught in conjunction with this book. There are also tons of stats and numbers throw in here and there. I could even see this book sparking some math lessons as well as it mentions how many feet tall the statue is and how many stairs and so on. This would be a great book to have on hand in the classroom for those students who love learning random facts about everything. This book could lead to discussions on many topics as well.

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## **Caleb says**

I liked it. It was a gift from France because the person who made it really liked how the U.S. was a free country. France had tried to win its independence, but it couldn't. It didn't have enough armies. So he thought of the idea to give them a statue. He knew the king would probably put him in jail if he asked the king for money and so he waits til that king dies and there's world fair in Philadelphia so he starts working on the arm. He knew he couldn't get the whole statue done by then so he started working on the arm and torch. It wasn't finished by the time for the fair so he went to the fair. He hoped he would get there right after the

opening ceremonies, but it got there in August. So they had fund raisings. Soon they were getting money, but they still needed more fund raising. They got the statue finished, but they needed the pedestal. But they didn't have that much money. So to get money, a newspaper person and he said he would print any persons name that sent them money in his newspaper and the amount of money. So then they got lots of money. And finally they had enough to get the pedestal done. And the statue of liberty is 151 feet and 1 inch.

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### **Kate Schwarz says**

Another great book in this series, read with my first grade son. He learned a lot, and I was reminded of what I learned some years ago, and we both decided we should get to New York sometime soon to go to and up the Statue of Liberty.

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