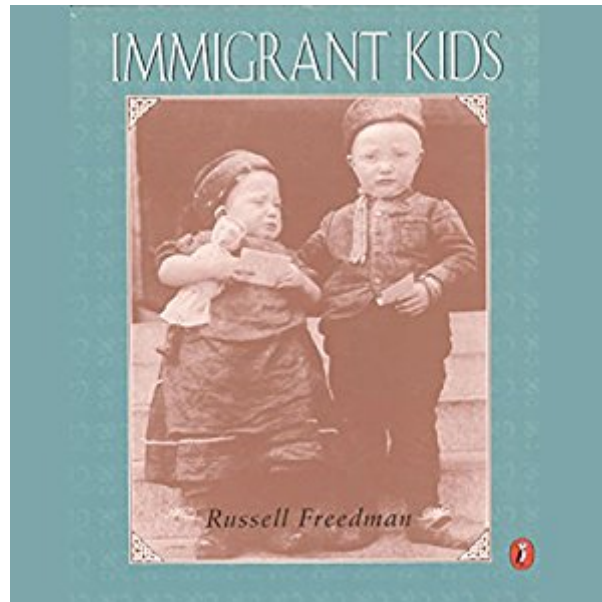




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Immigrant Kids



Synopsis

America meant "freedom" to the immigrants of the early 1900s—but a freedom very different from what they expected. Cities were crowded and jobs were scarce. Children had to work selling newspapers, delivering goods, and laboring sweatshops. In this touching book, Newberry Medalist Russell Freedman offers a rare glimpse of what it meant to be a young newcomer to America. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

REALLY EYE OPENING The conditions of that time amongst all immigrants from various places of Europe, were quite severe, crunched in small apartments, and water faucets were considered a luxury. It shows a picture of the earliest sells of soda on the streets of New York with a man wearing some kind of laboratory made bottle shaped container on his back, pouring it out to people who would buy it. It was considered a luxury item to drink and not many people could afford it. People made a living mending peoples coats and shoes, and selling newspapers just to get enough money to eat. Some guy would go around the block selling shards of ice off a huge block of it. I couldn't help but think with all the regulations today how anyone could ever go around on the streets hollering, "mend your coats!" "mend your shoes for a dollar or two!!" How can anyone have that "American dream", with so many regulations, stipulations, in that of starting a business. I think of the health codes in place, and I have to agree with most of them and then I think why they were implemented in the first place. As money increased in some areas, in other areas, greed increased, and in another area, common sense decreased, along with the respect for human life. Quality flourished during this

time of struggle, when immigrants competed to survive in the Big Apple. They wanted to be recognized for what they could do. Now a century later, quality isn't as important, as being able to convince the customer, in any way possible into giving all their money away. Then being recognized for quality was the prize, now it seems being recognized as being the smartest con-artist is the new 'in'. WE can't always look to the foreigner to blame for our mistakes, when we were that foreigner at one time. What is the American Dream? Is it the fact that we can be allowed to dream? Read this book and Reminisce a time, looking back at our roots, or just to enjoy the photographer's collection.

great authentic black/white pictures.

The pictures truly told the story. My 4th grade students were shocked by these images. Their lives are so different from children in the past. Also, the text was easy to read and interesting. My students had interesting conversations about the past. I recommend this book to all 4th grade classes.

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The photos tell the story in this book: photos of immigrant children, roughly 1890-1910. Young readers looking at these photos will be able to make inferences about the children, their families, their lives. A whole period of history will come alive for them, in a way that mere words could never capture. Although Freedman divides the chapters into the passage over, home in the new world, school, work, and play, I felt there was nothing spectacular about the text. The text does not stay with me. The pictures do. Still, a very worthwhile book. Recommended!

It is a wonderful book for explaining briefly and graphically the big adventure of emigration to America at the turn of the century.

The many photos, along with clear written descriptions gave a good picture of the life of immigrant children. It was used as a read aloud for a second grade homeschooler but it also caught the attention of his fifth grade brother. My only complaint is that it could have included more information.

I use this for nonfiction reading for my sixth graders. Students need to know about the history of immigration to understand the current debate. This book provides the background information.

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