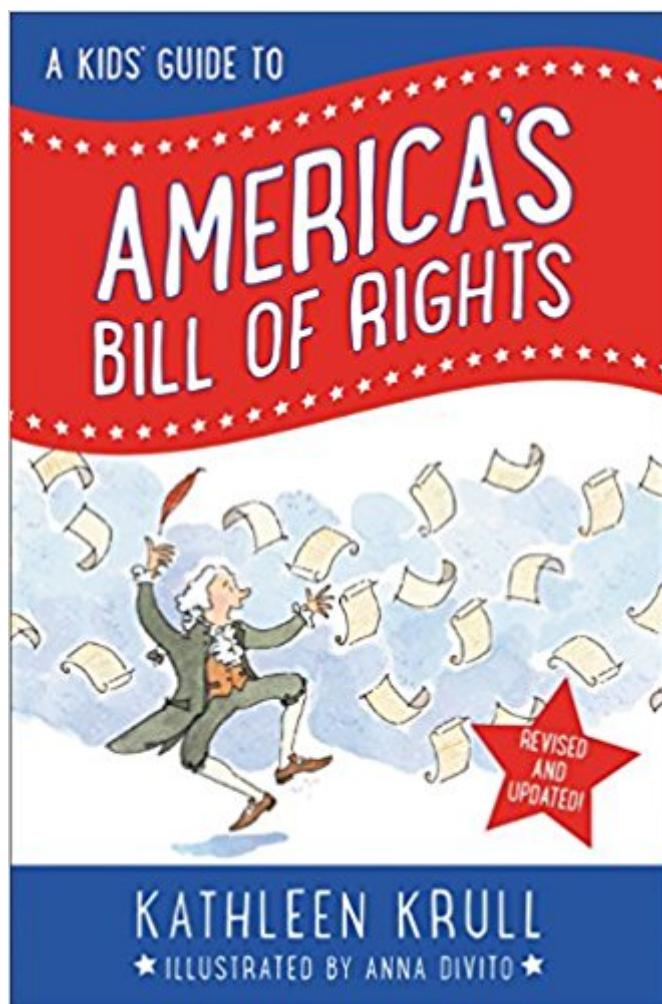


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# A Kids' Guide To America's Bill Of Rights: Revised Edition



## Synopsis

Which 462 words are so important that they've changed the course of American history more than once? The Bill of Rights: the first ten amendments to the Constitution, the crucial document that spells out how the United States is to be governed. Newly revised and updated, packed with anecdotes, sidebars, case studies, suggestions for further reading, and humorous illustrations, Kathleen Krull's introduction to the Bill of Rights brings an important topic vividly to life for young readers. Find out what the Bill of Rights is and how it affects your daily life in this fascinating look at the history, significance, and mysteries of these laws that protect the individual freedoms of everyone— even young people. Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts

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## Customer Reviews

Packed with anecdotes and sidebars, case studies, humorous illustrations, and all-new material, Kathleen Krull's introduction brings the Bill of Rights vividly to life. What is the Bill of Rights, and how does it affect your daily life? Why did the Founding Fathers think that we needed a Bill of Rights? Why is freedom of speech such a big deal? What does it really mean to take the Fifth? How does the Bill of Rights affect the rights of kids? The True Revised and Updated Story of

the Bill of Rights!

Kathleen Krull has garnered starred reviews and awards for her many books. The Children's Book Guild of Washington, DC, honored her with its Nonfiction Award for her body of work that "has contributed significantly to the quality of nonfiction for children." She lives in San Diego, California, with her husband and sometime writing partner, Paul Brewer.

My son is a Book worm. He loves history and books like this. Happy to buy these since he's reading it... planning to read it myself.

I think this is a very well written book that should be in all middle schools and high schools.

First, before you read this book, go get the Dave Marsh classic "50 Ways to Fight Censorship and Important Facts about the Censors." It is referenced so many times in this short little book that you will want to have it on hand. Now then. Kathleen Krull is not an advocate for the original interpretation of the Constitution. If you know that going in, then you'll be able to filter out her bias as you read. Even as a "living document" type of writer, this book is not all that it could be. Facts are wrong, often blatantly wrong, and the writing is condescending to middle school readers. First, some examples of obvious bias:-The Constitution is a living document, like silly putty (p 16) also (216)-Banned Books week - my goodness! So much emphasis on this crusade for librarians to feel heroic. Parents exercising discretion in the home is not censorship. (p 63)-Calls pro-2A folks "anti-gun-control" (86)-Repeats a slur against Joe McCarthy that has become gospel truth for the American left (213) Second, some false statements:-There is a "right" to choose abortion in the Constitution? (p 15)-On the contrary, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms do NOT echo the Bill of Rights. (p 19)-Same-sex marriage is not within the domain of the states, (p 195) although that WAS the case at the time this book was published.-On page 184, these "rights" listed are \*not\* rights: the right to a clean environment, the right to an education, the right to a job, the right to adequate housing, the right to commit suicide... also, the right of students to study foreign languages? (183)-The "people" in the 2A are the same "the people" as in the 1A. Personal defense rights are not reserved to government employees (military and police) just as 1A rights are not reserved to government employees. (84, 86)-Page 89 is wrong about the George Zimmerman trial. He did not use a Stand your Ground defense in his trial. He used self-defense. This book is echoing MSNBC talking points. You can look this up for yourself at ABC news, among many other sources. Krull does give a great

example of a 1A violation, that of government employees (school administrators) taking revenge against a student for unauthorized speech (p 71.) The emphasis on Brave Librarians Risking All to bring you Banned Books Week got old. Try asking for information about honor killings in Pakistan, or maybe the death of Ambassador Chris Stevens, at your school library. All in all, this book is intellectually light and purposefully biased propaganda. I have too high an opinion of my kids' intelligence to expect them to read this book. The bibliography/for further reading does not include The Federalist Papers or the Anti-Federalist Papers, which are required reading for understanding the Bill of Rights. This book doesn't make the grade for high achieving students. We have liked Kathleen Krull's work in books about Jim Henson, Big Wig, and Philo Farnsworth. But we didn't care for her DaVinci or Ted Giesel books. This book goes in the "didn't care for" pile.

I work in a public library and picked this up for research for a small project I was working on related to Constitution Day. I did not read it through, just skimmed, looking for what I needed. I can't speak to the accuracy of all the content but there is a very clear liberal bias in what I read. Sections on gun control are extremely condescending and page 83 reads like the founding fathers were a bit dim-witted when they wrote the second amendment. Abortion is discussed in relation to the Ninth Amendment and states on page 187 that the passage of Roe vs. Wade "created an enormous change in the field of women's health. In particular it has affected the lives of teen girls, the vast majority of whose pregnancies are unplanned, and the amount of control they have over their lives." If your views are conservative than this book is not for you or your kids.

Everyone is entitled to an opinion....but it should be clear that is is just an opinion.....I wouldn't let my child read this politically biased tripe. There is good here, but too much author opinion to make it credible.

Constitution IS a living a breathing document. Different amendments were interpreted differently at different times. This book explains how Constitution is not dogma, but rather a standard that we strive towards. Society is changing and our understanding of essential rights, and which rights are in fact essential to the modern humans is changing too. 21st century book for 21st century society. Beautiful!

This book is exceptional. My 8th grade daughter read it for her American government class and it doesn't talk down to kids at all, includes relevant and monumental Supreme Court cases that have

defined and defended our American rights for years and explains in plain English this foundational framework for our American way of life. It certainly is for an older middle school audience -- and appropriately so. The book goes into enough detail to be useful, but speaks to the kids in a way that makes the Bill of Rights interesting (not dry) and appropriate to them. Who wouldn't want to know that the freedom of speech has implications for your school newspaper? EXCEPTIONAL.

I will recommend it to my friend. Incredible product. Very sturdy. Arrived on time. I enjoy using it. for my husband, fast and in time, very nice .

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