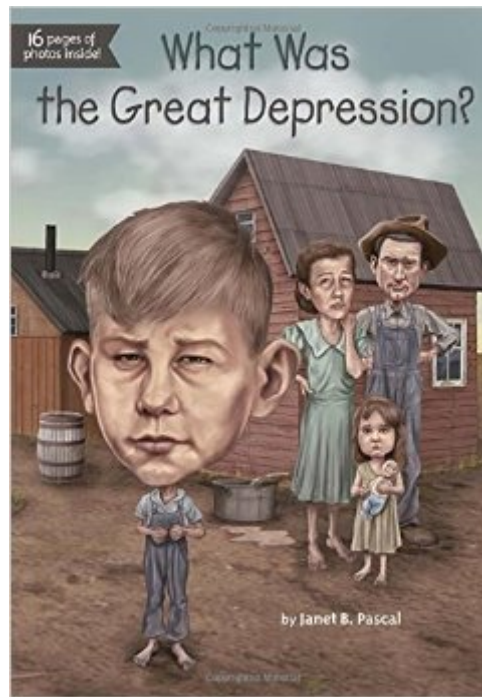


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This is a very well written book about a very important time in American History. I bought this for my 9 year old daughter, but decided to read it first myself. I believe that many schools in this country have started to gloss over the history of our country, and do not get into much detail. Schools seem to preoccupied with spending time "teaching for the test" aka preparing students for the assessment tests that determine federal funding eligibility. As a parent I believe that it is crucial that our children understand the history of our country, and books like this are a great tool to help supplement that learning. What Was the Great Depression does a great job encompassing the events that led to the

Great Depression all the way through to what pulled the country out of it. It essentially begins right after World War I and culminates with World War II. I am glad that it provided the background that showed our country living it up in the 1920s, and how then how quickly it all came crashing down. Janet Pascal has done a thorough job of explaining the essential details in a way that any 8-14 year old could comprehend. She talks about Prohibition, Wall Street, the Stock Market, President Hoover and Hoovervilles, Unemployment, the Dust Bowl, and FDR to name a few. What I really like is that along with the chapters there are 1-2 page side notes that go into more detail to help explain things like Wall Street, which you can see in the picture with my review. At the end of the book there are crisp and detailed photographs of the era, such as the infamous Dorothea Lange one I have also attached to my review. Overall this is a very thorough explanation of the Great Depression that is somehow kept to around 100 pages of very easy to read print.

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