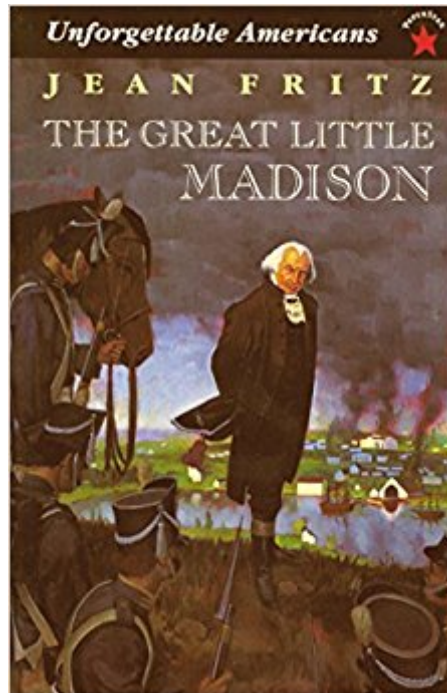




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# The Great Little Madison (Unforgettable Americans)



## Synopsis

In the days before microphones and TV interviews, getting people to listen to you was not an easy task. But James Madison used his quiet eloquence, intelligence and passion for unified colonies to help shape the Constitution, steer America through the turmoil of two wars, and ensure that our government, and nation, remained intact.

u?An excellent, fascinating, indispensable resource.?

--Kirkus Reviews, pointer review?

The book is rich in the sort of detail that illuminates the man, but is not limited to personal information; a great deal of government history is woven into the biography.?

--Horn Book, starred review?

Fritz has given a vivid picture of the man and an equally vivid picture of the problems that faced the leaders of the new nation in the formative years.?

--The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, starred review?

Young readers will feel like they know the ?Great Little Madison? very well.?

--School Library Journal

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

Fritz ( *Shh! We're Writing the Constitution!* ) here presents a brisk, highly accessible biography of James Madison. Sickly as a child, Madison was a short, frail man with a wispy, small voice. His successes in incorporating personal freedoms into a reasonably strong centralized government and

his enormous appetite for work earned him the sobriquet "great." Madison's shyness and difficulty with public speaking were drawbacks during the politician's early days in Virginia government--as was the enmity of a powerful Patrick Henry--but behind-the-scenes speaking effectiveness and voluminous, well-reasoned writings more than compensated. In her characteristic way of bringing history to life, Fritz writes in a highly engaging, entertaining manner, providing vivid descriptions of Madison's close friendship with Thomas Jefferson; his long and apparently happy marriage to Dolly; the infighting during the creation of the Constitution; the patience with which our fourth president dealt with an unreasonable England, leading to the war of 1812--and that war's defeats and victories. Ages 10-up. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Acclaimed biographer, Jean Fritz, was born in China to American missionaries on November 16, 1915. Living there until she was almost thirteen sparked a lifelong interest in American history. She wrote about her childhood in China in *Homesick, My Own Story*, a Newbery Honor Book and winner of the National Book Award. Ms. Fritz was the author of forty-five books for children and young people. Many center on historical American figures, gaining her a reputation as the premier author of biographies for children and young people. Among the other prestigious awards Ms. Fritz has garnered are: the National Humanities Medal, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, the May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture Award, the Christopher Award, the Boston Globe-Horn Book Non-Fiction Award, a New York Times Notable Book of the Year, and many ALA Notable Books of the Year, School Library Journal Best Books of the Year, and ALA Booklist Editors' Choice Awards. She passed away on May 14, 2017.

This book is a nice intro to the American Founding for middle school students. While focused on James and Dolley Madison, the book covers in accurate detail the Articles of Confederation, the Constitutional Convention, the early presidential administrations, The Louisiana Purchase, and the War of 1812. I read it with a small group of 7th graders. It kept their attention and led to some good discussions. Great for a program like mine that blends ELA and social studies.

I read *The Great Little Madison* on my new Kindle-White Paper and enjoyed it very much. I found it to be a little on the light side and I finished it with regret that it seemed so quick. Then I discovered it was a Juvenile edition, yet I did enjoy the book greatly. Well written with a great sense of being there and participating in history. I'll be reading more Jean Fritz books in the future. Terry Wright

The chapters were a little bit too long.

Very, very informative. Has some funny parts here and there, but you learn a lot about history through the book.

I loved this book it had so much information but not every detail that it drags on. It was perfect

This was an interesting reading tool for my 11 year old son. This was a book we had to purchase for his social studies school project. Worked out well.

I enjoy books on former presidents and families. Especially this time period.

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