

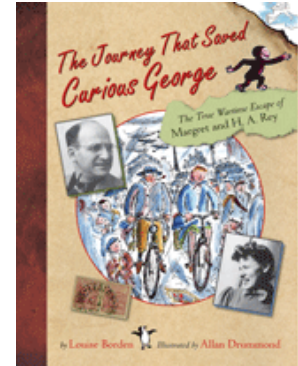


The Journey That Saved Curious George

By Louise Borden

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About the Author

Louise Borden was born October 30, 1949, and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. She graduated from Denison University with a degree in history. Louise lives with her husband, Pete, in Terrace Park, Ohio, and has three grown children. This book is one of twenty-two books she has written for children.

“For many years, I was intrigued by the story of Margret and H.A. Rey's flight from Paris on bicycles in June 1940. Others in the children's book field had mentioned this escape from the Nazi invasion, but no one seemed to know the details of those harrowing days. The story felt incomplete. I wanted to know more. I wanted real images. I was curious, just like the Reys' famous little monkey, George.” (taken from the following web page, <http://www.louiseborden.com/index2.html>)

Her other books:

Off to First Grade

Cecily G. and the 9 Monkeys

The John Hancock Club

Across the Blue Pacific

The Last Day of School

The Greatest Skating Race

The A+ Custodian

Sea Clocks: The Story of Longitude

Touching the Sky: The Flying Adventures of Wilbur and Orville Wright

America is...

The Day Effie met the Author

Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman

Sleds on Boston Common

A. Lincoln and Me

Good Luck, Mrs K!

Paperboy

The Little Ships

Caps, Hats, Socks, and Mittens

Albie the Lifeguard
Just in Time for Christmas
Good-bye, Charles Lindbergh
Thanksgiving Is...
The Neighborhood Trucker
The Watching Game

Awards the author has received

The Greatest Skating Race
Junior Library Guild Selection
School Library Journal starred review

Sea Clocks: The Story of Longitude
School Library Journal, starred review
Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, starred review
Horn Book, starred review

Touching the Sky: The Flying Adventures of Wilbur and Orville Wright
Best Books for Children (2003) selection
America is...
Childrens' Book-of-the-Month Club selection

The Day Effie met the Author
Junior Library Guild Selection

Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman
CBC/NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book
IRA Teachers' Choice Book
IRA/CBC Children's Choice Book

Sleds on Boston Common
Best Children's Books of the Year (2000) selection
SMITHSONIAN'S Notable Books for Children (2000) selection

A. Lincoln and Me
Parents' Choice Award

Good Luck, Mrs K!
Junior Library Guild Selection
2000 Christopher Award
Parents' Choice Recommended Book

The Little Ships
Parents' Choice Award
Reading Magic Award
1998 Notable Book in the Field of Social Studies

Caps, Hats, Socks, and Mittens
Book-of-the-Month Club Selection
one of four titles selected for a Reading Partnership with the White House;
published in 10 languages for non-English speaking families in America

Good-bye, Charles Lindbergh
Crossings for Kids Book Club Main Selection
1999 Notable Book in the Field of Social Studies

The Watching Game

American Booksellers' Pick-of-the-Lists

Awards for *The Journey That Saved Curious George*

ALA Notable Book For Children

Library Media Connection starred, April 2006

Horn Book Starred, April 2006

Annotation:

H. A. Rey and Margaret Rey were both born in Germany. This book covers the journey that their lives took before and during the Nazi reign in Europe. This is an excellent book to use for discussions about World War II. Students will remember reading the Curious George books when they were younger and be excited to find out what kind of a journey saved him.

Genre: Non-fiction, Biography

Point of View: Third Person

Themes:

Biographies

Web Resources:

Writing With Authors: Biography Writing

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/biograph/index.htm>

Authors

Web Resources:

Kids Read Author Information

<http://www.kidsreads.com/authors/authors.asp>

Inspire- Biography Resource Center

www.inspire.net

Voyages and Travels

Web Resources:

Map skills

<http://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/geography/mapskills/preview.weml>

World War II

Web Resources:

World War II for Elementary Students

<http://www.emints.org/ethemes/resources/S00001590.shtml>

Immigration Laws.

Web Resources:

Immigration to the United States Lesson

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/lessonplans/programs/destinationamerica/>

Interpretation of the title: The title of this biography is basically literal. It describes that the Reys had a journey in order to save themselves and Curious George.

Conflict: The overall conflict in this story is an external conflict. The Reys trying to escape the invasion of the Nazi Army. They were both German-born Jews and were fearful of what could happen.

Conflict Resolution: The resolution of the conflict happens when they finally arrive in the United States of America. Then a year later their first Curious George book was published.

Characters:

Character	Relationship to Main Character	Personality and Physical Characteristics
Hans August Reyersbach	Main character	Gentle
Margarete Waldstein	Main character	Never afraid to speak her mind

Setting:

Hamburg, Germany
 Brazil
 Paris, France – Terrass Hotel

Interest Level and Reading Level

Interest Level: 3-6
 Lexile: 950
 Reading Level: 4.9

Booktalk

Do you remember reading stories about Curious George when you were younger? Well the first curious George story could have easily been lost. The Reys had a very hard time escaping Europe when Hitler’s army invaded Paris. They traveled for many months before they arrived safely in America. To find out more about the Reys’ adventures read, *The Journey that Saved Curious George*, by Louise Borden

Vocabulary	Page	Definition
Smattering	10	Introductory knowledge of something
Cabaret	20	restaurant providing food, drink, music, a dance floor, and often a floor show
Valises	24	a small piece of luggage that can be carried by hand, used to hold clothing, toilet articles, etc.; suitcase; traveling bag.
Barricade	43	defensive barrier hastily constructed, as in a street, to stop an enemy.
Bedlam	52	state of wild uproar and confusion
Goose-stepped	55	To march in such a way that the legs swing sharply from the hips and the knees are locked.

Tamarind tree	58	long-lived tropical evergreen tree with a spreading crown and feathery evergreen foliage and fragrant flowers yielding hard yellowish wood and long pods with edible chocolate-colored acidic pulp
Gangplank	64	flat plank or small, movable, bridgelike structure for use by persons boarding or leaving a ship at a pier
Celestial	67	pertaining to the sky

Indiana Academic Standards met by novel content

Language Arts: 4.1.1, 4.1.7, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 5.1.1, 5.1.6, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 6.1.1, 6.1.4, 6.2.4, 6.2.6

Social Studies: 4.1.10, 4.1.11, 4.1.17, 5.1.19, 6.1.16, 6.1.22

Fine arts: 4.1.1, 4.1.4, 5.1.1, 5.1.4, 6.1.1, 6.1.2

Anticipation Statements:

Before		The Journey That Saved Curious George By Louise Borden	After	
Agree	Disagree		Agree	Disagree
		H.A. Rey was a Brazil, Germany, and U.S citizen.		
		The Reys rode bikes to escape the Nazi invasion.		
		The Reys had a pretty easy life.		
		H.A. Rey is his real name.		
		Margret Rey is her real name.		

Read-Aloud pages/passage:

Page 27

This page discusses how Germany is not safe for Jewish people. This would be a great introduction to discussing the condition in Germany for Jewish people during World War II.

Page 44-45

This section of the story discusses how the Reys' planned and were resourceful when they were trying to flee Paris.

Read-Alikes:

Books that deal with escaping Europe during World War II:

Borden, Louise. *Greatest Skating Race: A World War II Story from the Netherlands.*

Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Lily's Crossing*

Haywood, Carolyn, *Primrose Day*

Lowry, Lois, *Number the Stars*

Additional Resources:

Publishers Webpage:

http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/features/cgsite/journey_lp.shtml

This site features information and activities for the Curious George books.

<http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/features/cgsite/>

This site is for individuals seeking additional research about the Reys. The Reys collection is part of the de Grummond Children's Literature Collection at the University of Southern Mississippi.

<http://www.lib.usm.edu/%7Edegrum/html/research/findaids/DG0812f.html>

Bibliography:

<http://www.louiseborden.com/>