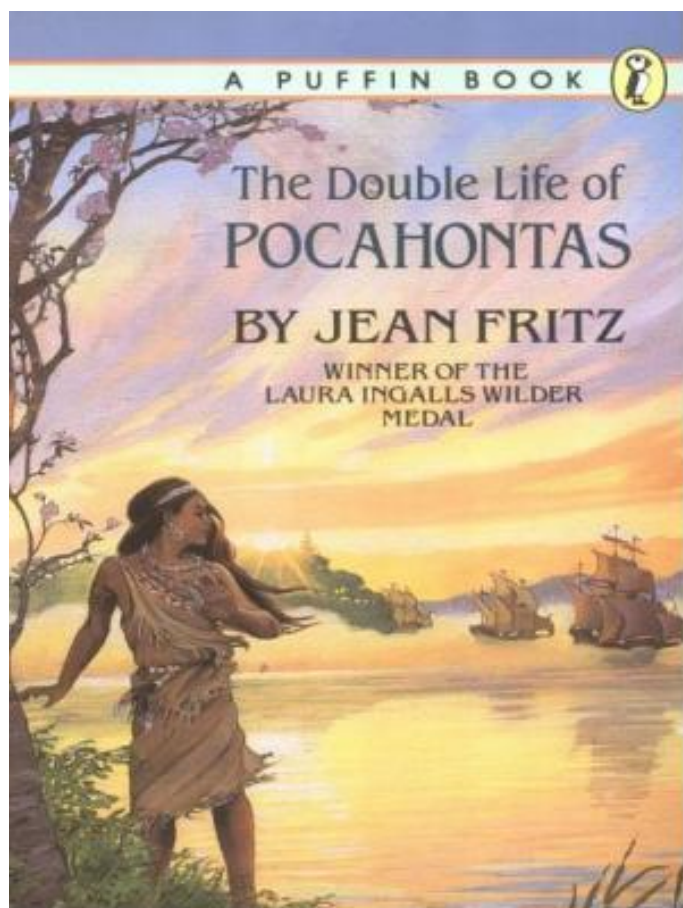

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Description

In a story that is as gripping as it is historical, Jean Fritz reveals the true life of Pocahontas. Though at first permitted to move freely between the Indian and the white worlds, Pocahontas was eventually torn between her new life and the culture that shaped her.

Insightful reviews

Viri: Jean Fritz presented Pocahontas's story in a very clear way so as the reader can identify or at least attempt to relate to her story. Even though the book is full of text with very few sketches representing new chapters. What Fritz did to make Pocahontas come to life on the pages, was to do research on how the Indian's life was, of the time and in general. At the very beginning of the book we are taken to Pocahontas's world, how she worships the sun and gives thanks to the gods for each and every morning, and how she and all her tribe give thanks at night as well. Knowing a little bit of her background and social life in the tribe we are seeing Pocahontas in her Indian roots.

In the book we also read about John Smith who was in her life for a long time when she was young. Later unfortunately they both part and their special bond is broken. We learn what happens in the life of Pocahontas and it is a great book to compare with the fictional Disney story.

As the end of the book, Fritz provides a small epilogue where she describes what happens after Pocahontas's death and how Virginia and her Indian tribe fared as time passed on, and we also learned how John Smith died and how "in the long run the Indians didn't stand a chance." (page 85)

Kathleen: I wasn't too excited when I first saw this book: I was expected to read it with a 5th grade reading circle, and the text was very, very dense. However, once we got into it, everyone in the group was really interested and invested in Pocahontas's story. Fritz does a wonderful job employing primary and secondary sources, giving the reader actual words from John Smith's diaries and Jamestown documents. It's not fictionalized or dramatized at all, but still the story is so dramatic, the kids couldn't wait to see how it ended. Of course all who were fans of the Disney movie version of Pocahontas's story were baffled and depressed to learn what her life was really like. It was difficult for them to believe how she was betrayed by first one group (her family) then the other (the English), sometimes by turns. *The Double Life* also gives a really good summary of the sniping and crazy politicking that went on within the settlement. I think this is a great book for teaching a more truthful and balanced version of the Pocahontas and Jamestown story.

Posie: I read this book for school because I am doing a comparative report on this book and another about Pocahontas. I thought that his book was good, it was just a little bit dry. Because there was a lot of "Pocahontas might have felt" or "She probably decided" and stuff like that. I find that it makes the book much more exciting if the author is clear on most everything... but that's depending on the book. But, I would definitely recommend it to people!

Shiloh: did not like this ebook at all. this can be publication is without doubt one of the

purposes there's confusion approximately her and her interactions with John Smith. the writer regularly alludes to a romantic courting among the two. She'd seek advice from the historic writings and weave her personal mind's eye into. for example age wrote that John Smith did not point out Pocahontas in his access at this point, yet she was once most likely there smiling at him and looking at him....blah blah.

Laura Verret: I've reviewed numerous biographies of Pocahontas, so I'll now not commence rehashing her existence in every single place again. in its place I'll provide a couple of options in this specific book. I've continuously recognized that Jean Fritz is a saucy writer. Her books after which What Happened, Paul Revere?, Why Can't you are making Them Behave, King George?, and may You signal Here, John Hancock? are stories to her lightly sarcastic and absolutely stress-free tone. after which there's this one. You understand how occasionally you learn a publication and you may inform the author's attempting very demanding to get into your head and rearrange issues to be they method they need them to be? good that's what this ebook felt like. Fritz's specific message? that everybody surrounding Pocahontas was once susceptible and conniving and merely drawn to utilizing Pocahontas as a pawn. Also, as Fritz depicted the double lifetime of Pocahontas – one divided among her personal humans and the Englishmen – she used to be cautious to discover hypocrisy anywhere possible. John Rolfe desirous to marry Pocahontas? He didn't truly love her – it simply appeared like an ok concept and so that it will cement English / Indian relations. The settlers sharing the Gospel with Pocahontas? They didn't relatively care approximately her soul – they only have been having a “yay for our team” moment. Pocahontas concurs to be baptized? She wasn't rather drawn to changing into a Christian, she simply desired to exhibit her father how performed with him she was once for now not ransoming her. And on and on. Granted, the folks during this drama have been humans. a few of them most likely had lovely smelly motives. yet why press each attainable second and strength hypocrisy in the place it didn't belong? Conclusion. As you've gotten guessed from my review, this account wasn't my favourite – learn Pocahontas via George Sullivan instead. :D Visit The Blithering Bookster to learn extra reviews! www.blitheringbookster.com

Maria Nesmith: Pocahontas is an Indian Princess who as soon as lived a existence freed from English settlers. someday they start to reach and her lifestyles alterations with new people, trading, entertaining, being captured, and in the future marrying one. This e-book is fascinating to younger readers simply because most kids already learn about her as a result of the Disney movie. convinced the reader can determine with Pocahontas simply because she has the clash of selecting relatives vs love. this can be a quandary for many people. the main points appear to very exact and the booklet is particularly authentic. the publication fairly catches the readers consciousness since it is filled with the clash of what she will do approximately john smith. This publication used to be average. i discovered a few elements attention-grabbing yet then others boring. i'd think about using this in my lecture room basically simply because scholars may study much from it. The publication will be nice to take advantage of with a historical past chapter.

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