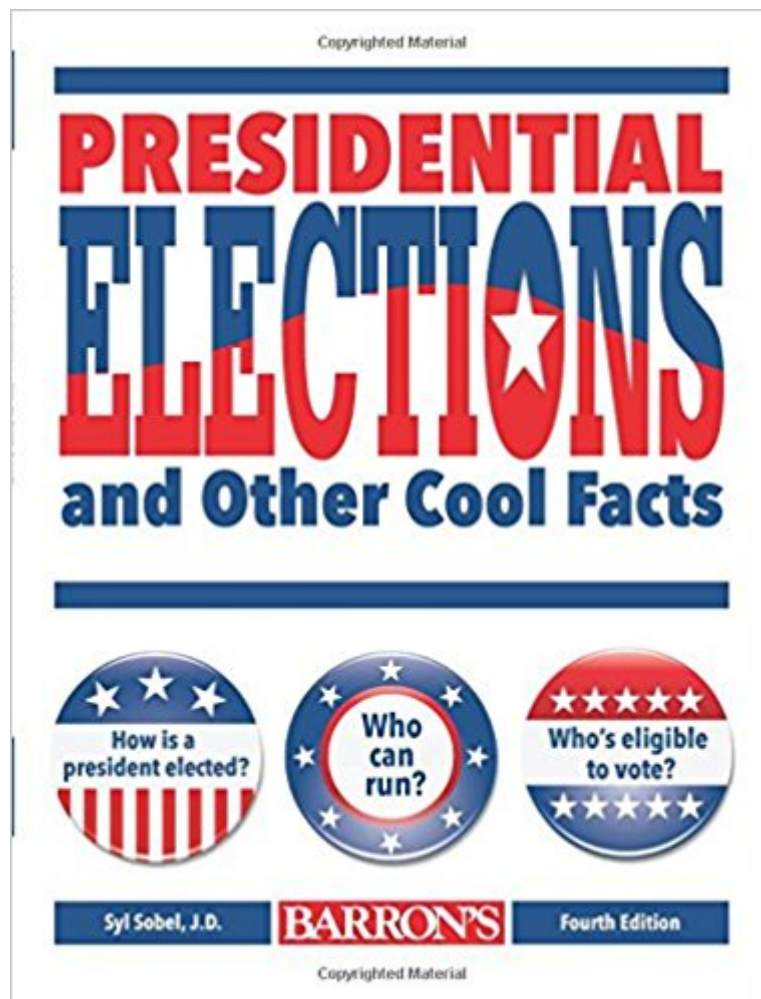




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# Presidential Elections And Other Cool Facts



## Synopsis

With this year's Democratic and Republican primaries being hotly contested, the 2016 presidential race is gearing up to be the most pivotal election this country has had in generations. Kids, parents, and teachers will certainly be discussing the election through November. So now is the perfect time to introduce Presidential Elections and Other Cool Facts to young readers. Children will be fascinated by the history they'll find in this book, including riveting facts about everything from George Washington's election in 1789 to Barack Obama's victories in 2008 and 2012. Questions asked and topics explored include: Who can run for president? Who can vote? What is the Electoral College? What is a third-party candidate? Which Republican president had a Democrat for his vice president? Who was the only U.S. president to be elected for more than two terms? Which candidates have won the popular vote but lost the election? Why was President Truman happy in 1948, when he read the Chicago Tribune headline that declared: "Dewey Defeats Truman"? This book brings history and social studies classes to life as boys and girls learn about important people, places, and events in the history of presidential elections.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Meh. Not that interesting for an 8 year old, or his parents for that matter. I've seen better products. Plus, we are not a democracy, we're a democratic republic!

Fun book presenting election information that kids of many ages can understand, yet not too silly or young to be enjoyed by the slightly older set as well. I think I finally understand the electoral college!

We tried to cram it in before the election this year & got through a lot of it but not all. What I was very helpful for my & my 11 year old!

Perfect addition to our homeschool, especially during an Election year!

I grew up with the Author of these books and bought them for my Grandson to read.

This is a great resource, but it was a little elementary for my grade level.

Honestly I am terrible when it comes to politics. The last time I learned about politics was back in junior high when we had to take a test on government stuff. I feel like literally right after that I was so overloaded, I forgot it all! Well this book from Barron's is a great book for kids through adults to learn about presidential elections and more. The book is very easy to read and even has illustrations throughout the book. The book has answers to questions about how the government is ran and facts that are fun to read such as "Who was the oldest president?" and "Which president led for four-terms?" I learned a lot from this book and my 9 year old seemed really interested. It is a great book for parents to pick up a refresher especially if they have curious kids asking them questions about the upcoming election. The format is very easy to read and follow and it is not full of overwhelming text. I received this book to review in exchange for sharing my honest opinion.

As a homeschooling mother, I am very concerned about bias in the curriculum I choose, particularly when it comes to history and government. Ideally, I should not be able to ascertain the author's political ideology from the published work, and that is definitely the case with this book. I have no idea if Syl Sobel is liberal or conservative. The book is well-written, and keeps my child's interest. Sobel masterfully simplifies the election processes that are sometimes confusing for adults, such as the electoral college, the popular vote, and their places in the electoral process. He gives a concise history of the election process and why it is the way it is. He touches on first ladies and gives a few trivial tidbits about various presidents (i.e., the youngest president elected, the oldest president elected, presidents who were related to other presidents, etc.). Sobel gives equal time to both

conservatives and liberals, and he neither endorses nor villifies any party. This book is purely factual and devoid of opinion. This would have been a five-star review but for one glaring inaccuracy in the book. Sobel says that the United States is a democracy. A democracy is rule by the people. In the United States, the people democratically elect officials to represent them in government, making the United States a Democratic Republic. This inaccuracy, however, was not a deal-breaker for me. I pointed out the error to my child and was able to discuss the differences between a democracy and a democratic republic, and it made for a very teachable moment.

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