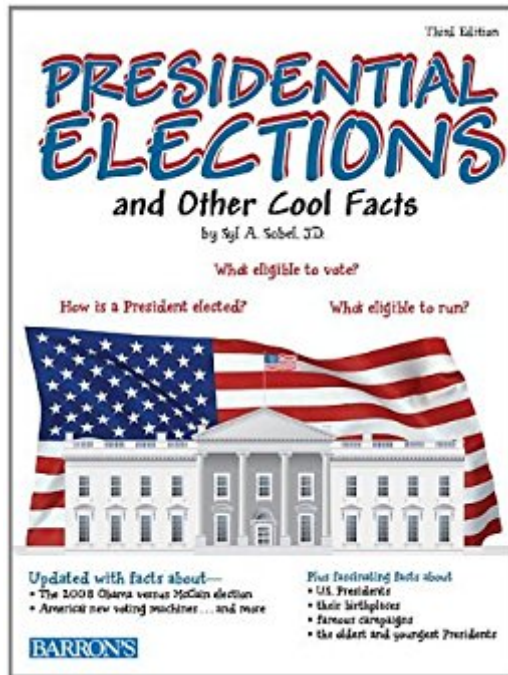


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This is the best material we have found for teaching children about American elections. It covers all the bases on elections, like: What does the president do? eligibility for president presidential terms of

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This was a great book, with so many interesting facts and figures. Especially in a year of a Presidential Election, having a book like this makes you that much more proud of the system of government that we have today. What I really liked about the book was that it made the whole election process so easy to understand for young readers. Too often this process can seem a bit confusing and daunting, but this book lays everything out in an easy-to-understand way. On top of that there were some very interesting facts that I appreciated that would allow you to wow your friends at your Presidential trivia! Overall, if you love history and government, this is a book that you will truly enjoy!

These were PERFECT for my 8 and 11 year old to help explain the elections that are going on right now that our family is following oh so closely. It's been kinda cool after the kids reading these that they have a better understanding and we can now talk politics as a family ;-)

Honestly I thought it was informative but boring. My kids were dying... Maybe for middle school... My oldest did ok. Honestly we learned it all on the internet while we were waiting on the book. Scholastic has good info.

I actually thought this was a book, purchased for my grandson's birthday. It turned out to be not much more than a pamphlet. Perhaps I didn't read the fine print closely enough. Wanted to return it but it seemed like too much trouble!!!

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