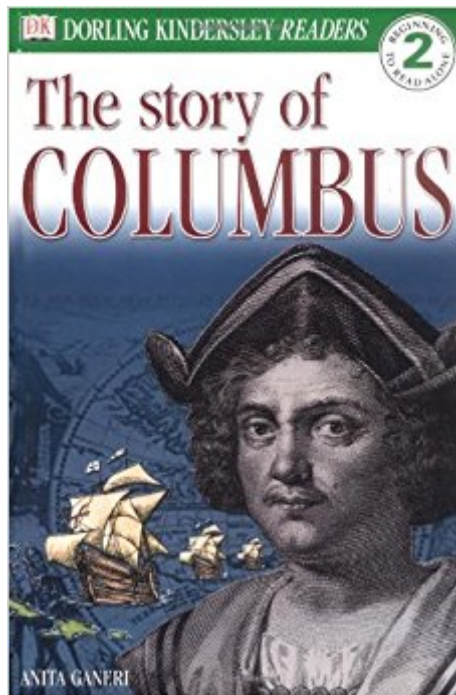




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# **The Story Of Christopher Columbus (DK Reader Level 2: Beginning To Read Alone)**



## Synopsis

Find out how explorer Christopher Columbus survived great danger on the high seas on his voyages to the New World. Longer sentences and an expanded vocabulary make this series of 48-page books slightly more challenging: Level 2 is appropriate for children who have started to read but still need help. Information boxes full of background information will stimulate inquisitive minds. These books contain between 700 and 850 words, and they are approximately 70 percent pictures and 30 percent text. The Dorling Kindersley Readers combine an enticing visual layout with high-interest, easy-to-read stories to captivate and delight young bookworms who are just getting started. Written by leading children's authors and compiled in consultation with literacy experts, these engaging books build reader confidence along with a lifelong appreciation for nonfiction, classic stories, and biographies. There is a DK Reader to interest every child at every level, from preschool to grade 4.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

A great short book for beginning readers about the history of Columbus. Tells a much different story than others I have read though. Compare this book with "Columbus" by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire for a much broader world view. [Columbus](#)

I tutor a 3rd grader in my neighborhood and he enjoyed reading this story. It was the right level of difficulty and held his interest. The words were challenging for him but not too much. The pictures were not childish and did convey the idea of the prose. This level 2 is a tad more difficult than other level 2's I have used but that is just fine. Again, it was a reasonable challenge for my student and he actually learned some history. We are both happy with this book.

This book was great. It was an easy read for my daughter. It was very informative and not hard for her to understand.

The book is good for little kids.. hoping that there wouldn't more detail though. Although the book was interesting and intriguing for children.

I enjoy this story. I would recommend this product, it's great deal and the price was competitive.  
take it Good quality

I love this book and Columbus is my favorite. I am in Kindergarten. Reading on my Kindle rocks my socks!

great

It was such a relief to read this book. When doing a search for children's books on Columbus for my kindergartner, I became more and more frustrated. It was almost impossible to find a children's book written without an agenda or extreme bias! (i.e. glorification vs. barbarianism) I found this book by DK to be a breath of fresh air. I felt it was a good middle ground - the text was fair without being overburdened with political correctness. For example, it does mention that Columbus' men were not kind to the Taino people and that the Taino defended themselves. It also later states that Columbus was unkind to the natives during his 3rd voyage, but it doesn't go into the reasons or into the whole "he was cruel vs. he wasn't perfect but still a good man" discussion. And why would it need to? This is a book for children. Save the philosophical discussion for later, for goodness sake! I don't know if it's the most detail-specific account of Columbus' journey, but it was just the right level of vocabulary, information, and concept for my son to understand with a little room for a challenge. The book is not very long and has little side boxes for short bits of related information. I'd say this book is

a great introduction to the story of Columbus for children without trying to push any kind of agenda. And if you want to embellish the story with your own bias for your children, (I like to add religious context from our religious point of view) I feel the book is general enough to where there's room to do so. Not to mention - having it available for Kindle made it super easy to quickly add it to our Kindle without the hassle of going to the library where they may or may not even have it!

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