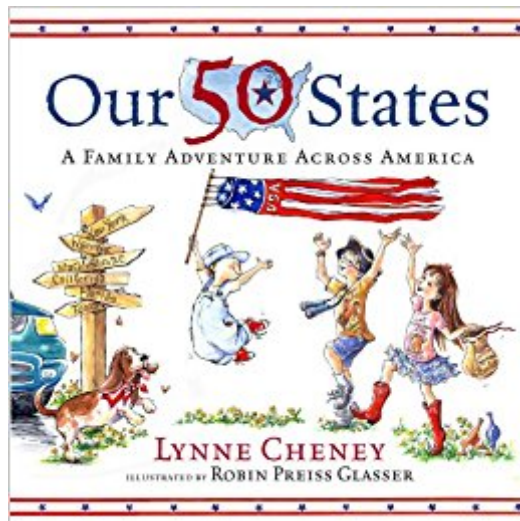




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Our 50 States: A Family Adventure Across America



Synopsis

"As I've traveled our great country, I have been struck again and again by its beauty and variety and reminded of how rich our history is. Travel a few miles in any direction, and you'll encounter an amazing story that helps explain all the multitude of ways our country came to be." -- Lynne Cheney

Lynne Cheney and Robin Preiss Glasser, creators of the bestselling *America: A Patriotic Primer* and *A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women*, take you on an unforgettable tour of America -- from the Everglades of Florida to the grasslands of Kentucky to the Sierra Mountains of California. Listening to her grandchildren's enthusiastic account of all they saw and did on a family road trip inspired Lynne Cheney to collaborate with Robin Preiss Glasser and create *Our 50 States* -- the greatest family vacation imaginable. Pack your bags and celebrate our diverse heritage state by state and sea to shining sea in this treasure trove of America's people, places, and history. A scholar of American history, Mrs. Cheney has drawn on a lifetime of study and travel for *Our 50 States*. Robin Preiss Glasser has brought her inimitable wit and exuberance to every illustration. Together they have created a joyful book that reminds us how fortunate we are to call America our home.

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. The creators of *America: A Patriotic Primer* and *A Is for Abigail* have compiled their

most encompassing paean to the U.S. yet, here bypassing an alphabetical roundup in favor of a cross-country road trip. An opening gatefold previews for readers the route that five affable family members will take as they set off from their Massachusetts home. They traverse the other 47 contiguous states (and Washington, D.C.) before making final stops in Alaska and Hawaii. The creatively cluttered pages collect words and images that present a pleasing potpourri of past and present: Glasser depicts the touring family viewing landmarks and natural wonders alongside portraits of influential individuals who hail or hailed from each state. The children's snippets of communications to those back home convey welcome personal observations: the boy text-messages a friend; and the girl pens notes to her grandmother (e.g., "Dear Grandma, I want to live in Hershey, PA—the air smells like chocolate, and even the streelights are shaped like Hershey's kisses!"). Glasser utilizes every spare inch of space, including decorative borders that accommodate memorable quotations, song lyrics and historical data. Young armchair explorers will savor this spirited, whistle-stop celebration of America. All ages. (Oct.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Grade 2—5 • The beauty and diversity of America are celebrated as three children, their parents, and their dog travel across the country in high spirits. Starting in Massachusetts, the family finds interesting details: Dr. Seuss National Memorial, the first post office, and famous people like Deborah Sampson and Herman Melville. The pages are alive with many small pictures, text, and maps. Some captions are hand lettered, and watercolor-and-ink drawings are numerous and appealing. Design elements for each state pull the book together: a "photograph" of the family enjoying a site, the background map, borders reflecting a dominant feature of the state. Readers will search for the children to read their messages: Annie writes letters to Grandma; Ben stays in touch with Grandpa, and with his friend Alex by text messaging: "alex. I'm watching a guy make shoes in the 19th century. kidding! it's at old sturbridge village. ben." Some states enjoy a spread, but most fit comfortably on one page. A foldout map shows the route the family followed, and Cheney introduces the book enthusiastically: "Perhaps none of us will ever be lucky enough to take such a grand road trip—but surely we are fortunate to live in a country where all these things—and so many more—form the fabric of our national life." There are just enough visual details and fascinating facts to keep children absorbed for hours. • Lee Bock, Glenbrook Elementary School, Pulaski, WI Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

This is an excellent book for the children. The contents for each state has very informative information for the children to learn about that state and each state has a statement or two that most adults may not know of their own home state. Easy to follow and has presented historical information about that state which we all should review and reflect on. Excellent gift for grandchildren, neighbor's children , charity or friends children's.

The book is a treasury of information presented in an attractive way with lots of wonderful drawings to capture the attention of young people. It is laid out as a family trip from the East Coast so the states are not presented in alphabetical order but rather from east to west so that can be slightly confusing. But it's a wonderful resource to just open a page & learn about that state. There are details packed in every corner.

Great for children learning facts about the states. Very interesting. Even I as an adult have learned from it.

Really neat book with interesting facts presented in a way kids will love.

Nice book

Again buying every book i can that gives the truth about history for my grandchildren

Great little book for children and adults alike. The pages are a bit busy, but crammed full of snippets of history. We've given away at least five as gifts. It's kinda like Trivial Pursuit for history!

I bought this book for our road trip. We could learn important facts about the states while we were there. :)

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