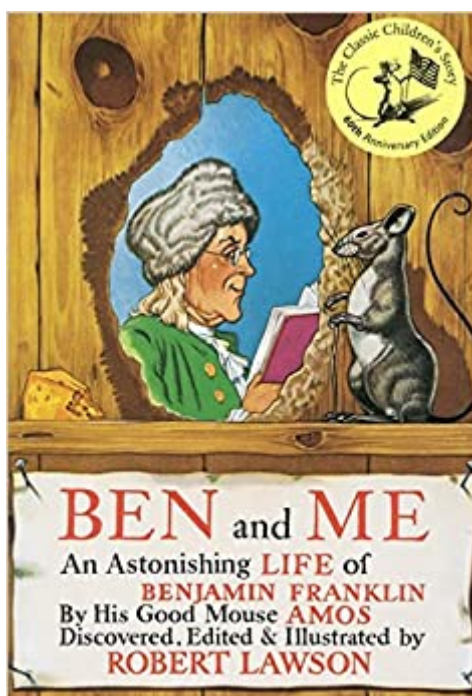


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# Ben And Me: An Astonishing Life Of Benjamin Franklin By His Good Mouse Amos



## Synopsis

Ever wonder where inventors get their ideas? As it turns out, the great inventor Benjamin Franklin got his best ideas from a mouse named Amos! Funny, interesting and wise, this classic tale has been a favorite for generations. Once you've met Amos and read his account, you'll never think of Ben Franklin-or American history-quite the same way. Explore this historical time period even further in this new edition of award-winning author Robert Lawson's classic tale, with additional bonus material, including a map of Ben Franklin's travels!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

In *A New and Astonishing Life Of Benjamin Franklin As Written by His Good Mouse AMOS*, young readers will discover that while the good Mr. Franklin got considerable credit, many of his most important contributions really originated with Amos, a less-than-humble rodent. Oh sure, his manuscript was found by author-editor Robert Lawson and published first in 1939, but discerning readers ever since have figured that it's the mouse who's the fellow with the ... tale. (For ages 10 and up with a sense of humor)

The remarkable life of old Ben Franklin is related with wit, warmth and wisdom by Amosa mouse who has a way with words. Ages 8-12. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I remember reading this as a child and loving it! I bought this used copy (it had been relinquished by a library if you can believe it!) to read to my Grandchildren. The language is a bit dated, but the children did not mind. It was an excellent example to me that children do not need to be "read down" too, they learn new words and their meanings in context of the story. These children were 5 and 7.

I purchased this for my Eventual Grandchildren, and love it now as much as I did when I read it in grade school. This is a superbly crafted "alternate history" of an American icon, and I find its creative escapism so warming and inspiring -- and outright entertaining -- that it has launched my plans to create a reading library for the younger cancer patients getting treatment at the same hospital I'm currently treated. I am a writer, and reading this book I know had a significant impact on my desire to grow up to be just that. Your young reader (and I urge you to participate) will be taken to amazing places. Don't miss it.

I bought this to use for a grad course about Nonfiction Writing for children. I had read this a long, long, you-would-not-believe-how-long, time ago when I was in elementary school. I remember loving all the Lawson historical biographies, but this was always my favorite. Picking the book up decades later, I was amazed to find myself actually sitting down and reading it again, rather than analyzing it for content as I had planned. I found myself laughing out loud as I read the whole book, which is something I haven't done since the first time I read Hitchhikers Guide. Even if you are an adult you can really get a good laugh out of this book. A little knowledge of Ben's actual life (such as what went in on France) will also show just how awesome Lawson is at bending the truth in a comical way to make even the lowliest histories palatable for young minds. A truly brilliant work of literature.

Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse AmosÂ This was the book that started my youthful enjoyment of both history and becoming an avid reader. The tale of Ben Franklin's mouse, Amos, who gives him all the help he needs in inventing his now famous inventions and the founding of our nation is a timeless story. A fine start to give any child who shows an inkling of interest in history, or one whom you would wish be encouraged to do so. It may be confusing for those too young to separate fantasy from fact, but the story is memorable enough, and cute and funny enough, to be picked up more than once in any one childhood, and will undoubtedly be properly inculcated as the allegory it is meant to be. Children will undoubtedly finally understand what a great and interesting man he was. And the humour makes the story enjoyable and palatable

rather than a dry, dreary assignment from a school-teacher. And those old enough to understand on the first go around will take both characters in the book, Amos and Mr. Franklin, to heart, on friendly terms and most probably be driven to learn more. Of course, it can always be shared with a parent or other adult who can explain the difference for those too young to understand the difference on their own. Another great habit,...to read with a child.I must mention that even as an adult, although I obviously read deeper histories these days, that this book is still in the back of my mind as I do so, as a memory of the impetus for me to begin my lifelong voracious habit of reading. One should also note that the same author has a book by "Paul Revere's Horse", written in a similar voice and vein. Reading one means the child read a fun and decent book, having read two, it may be the beginning of a lifelong habit that can only improve one's life.

This one gets my kids reading and laughing. It is plenty easy -- your second or third grader can manage it easily -- and the illustrations are cute (and surprisingly finely drawn). 111 pages. Ben does go to France... interesting section of the book.Best of all, this book includes a Ben Franklin timeline, a glossary of unfamiliar terms, and a few pages of Poor Richard's sayings.Very enjoyable book.

My granddaughter and I read it together more than once...She liked it a lot

I read this to my first and third grader. I planned to read a couple of chapters a day, but they had me reading several. It has fifteen chapters and a large font size that would be very friendly to a child just starting chapter books.As far as the story itself, it is charming. We'd been studying Ben Franklin and this was a great story to add to the mix. It also generated lots of discussion as to what was true and what was fiction in the book. My son volunteered to read another Ben Franklin biography to help sort it out.And, of course, after reading it, they enjoyed the Walt Disney mini-version, but agreed that the book was much better because the cartoon had left so much out.If you'd like a very readable, but not dumbed-down, children's book, buy it. You won't be dissatisfied.

I purchased this book for my son's 5th grade assignment. It had some really cute moments, but could also get a smidge boring in a few parts as well. It's a relatively short book, however, so we were able to get through it in just 2 days, which was nice. Overall this was a cute book, which held our attention.

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