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Madeline At The White House



Synopsis

Bestselling and beloved Madeline visits the Oval Office, just in time for the presidential election season. Readers will see Washington, D.C., as never before, when Madeline takes a midnight sightseeing tour on a magic carpet of cherry blossoms. Invited to the White House by Candle, the president's lonely only daughter, for the annual Easter Egg hunt and roll, Madeline and the other little girls have a rollicking good time, and introduce Candle to the joys of occasionally breaking the rules. With a bouncy read-aloud text and gorgeous watercolor pictures, *Madeline at the White House* is in the best tradition of the beloved Madeline books.

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

John Bemelmans Marciano on *Madeline at the White House* Dear Reader, Sending Madeline to the White House is an idea that my grandfather cooked up with his friend, Jacqueline Kennedy. In a series of letters to the First Lady, he imagined a book in which Madeline visits Caroline, or something like that. He even suggested that the Mrs. Kennedy write the words and he would do the pictures. At the time, my grandfather was still working on *Madeline and the Magician*, a book that he assured her he would finish shortly. Sadly, he never did. My grandfather died in 1962, still at work on the *Magician* story. The book was to end with Miss Clavel taking in a stray cat who winds up being the Magician in disguise. In what might be one of the last drawings my grandfather ever did,

the cat is wearing the magician's fez, surrounded by Madeline and the girls. I've always imagined that picture to be the truth of it--that my grandfather is a kind of magician who has lives on alongside Madeline and her friends. His body itself is buried in Arlington Cemetery. Although born in Europe, my grandfather came to the U.S. as a teenager and proudly served in the army, and always wanted to be buried in a soldier's grave in the nation's capital. For Madeline at the White House I have tried to weave all of these threads together: the book my grandfather never finished, the one he never began, and his feelings for the country he called home. So Madeline goes and visits a little girl named Candle whose father is the busiest man in the world, has fun at the White House Easter Egg Roll, and goes on a magic carpet ride of Washington conducted by a rabbit wearing a fez. I hope you like it. Happy Easter, John Bemelmans Marciano

First Daughter Candle (whose unruly mop curls up like a flame) is feeling ignored by her busy parents, so Mom arranges for an Easter weekend visit from Madeline and her friends. The girls enjoy rolling eggs, overeating, and sleepover activities, capped off by a magical ride on cherry blossoms to view D.C. landmarks, courtesy of a magician first seen in MadelineTMs Christmas (1985), now transformed into a rabbit. Based on an idea Bemelmans was working on at the time of his 1962 death, grandson Marciano has done a credible job copying the rhythms and artistic style of the originals. Preschool-Grade 1. --Kay Weisman --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

We have all the Madeline books and we really enjoyed this new addition. One reviewer wrote that they didn't feel like the rhymes flow -- but if read with the correct cadence -- it flows wonderfully. Most of the illustrations are in full color and all are beautiful. My three-year-old knows quite a bit about Paris from the other Madeline books and I'm glad that she'll be adding knowledge about our own nation's monuments! I'd say it is a must-have for every Madeline fan!

Great book. We have other Madeline books which our daughter loves.

I love Madeline usually, but this is way too brief for the price of the book. Very disappointed in the few drawings of Washington, DC.

Beautiful book and well written. The usual wonderful illustrations.

Sent to a baby cousin who has this name along with an actual White House Easter Egg. A huge hit!!!

Nica book for the little ones. Getta to learn history while reading.

Beautiful Madeline book, it was purchased for my little niece. She loves these books.

As with all the Madeline books, a child, or reader, or traveler actually learns something about some important place in the world. For our young Americans, this is a wonderful opening of the White House doors to the young people.

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