Synopsis

Haiti: The First Black Republic is a powerful work on the fascinating events of the Haitian Revolution, The Only Successful Slave Revolt in History. This detailed account of how Haiti overcame French colonial rule, defeated the armies of three world powers, and gained independence is a must read for all Haitians and history lovers alike.

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Customer Reviews

Thank you to the author for this amazing children's book! It if was in paperback I would buy several copies. I used to teach Caribbean history to my elementary school students and I loved covering the history of Haiti! My students were largely Caribbean and South American so they really identified with the history. I also cannot stand what he schools were asking us to teach (to this day Columbus is still considered a hero for commuting genocide on the Caribbean population and starting the colonization of the Americas) and I refuse to lie to the youth. It saddens me how many teachers who were also of color like myself did not seem to care that they were continuing the legacy of white supremacy by teaching the celebration of colonization. I hope this school culture begins to change soon and books like this one need to be in the schools to school the teachers!!!! This was beautifully
written, and the illustrations are breathtaking. Reminds me of that time period being captured by classical Haitian artists. Gratitude! Gro Bagay!

It is rare to see a book that communicates history to children in such an accessible and engaging way. Frantz Derenoncourt Jr.’s book launches a new genre of children’s books that can serve as an incredibly valuable educational tool, sharing little known but critically important history with the next generation. I highly recommend this book for any family’s library--parents and children will together learn the tale of the most powerful political, social, and economic revolution in recent history, transmitting a key lesson about the potential of collective action to the movers and shakers of the future.

Brought this book for my son after the author gave a presentation at Sankofa Bookstore in DC. The author is very passionate about the topic and the topic gives us something to be proud of and to share with our children. There are not many books where our black children can see people who look like them being strong, determined and courageous during a very difficult time in history. I learned a lot from reading the book as well. Must buy for the kids!

As a Haitian native, I’ve chosen to read this book as a refreshment on my history which is really considered the history of all men and women of colour, despite our nationality. Our ancestors fought and spilled their blood so we can be where we are today. Yes, I am able to peacefully wake up a Sunday morning and read a book because of the bravery of those men and women. I’d like to thank author Derenoncourt for sharing his excellent work with us. Thank you and may God bless us all!!!!

I learned about my Haitian heritage. I knew nothing about Haitian culture and in one quick book i learned all i needed to know. To the author, great job.

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