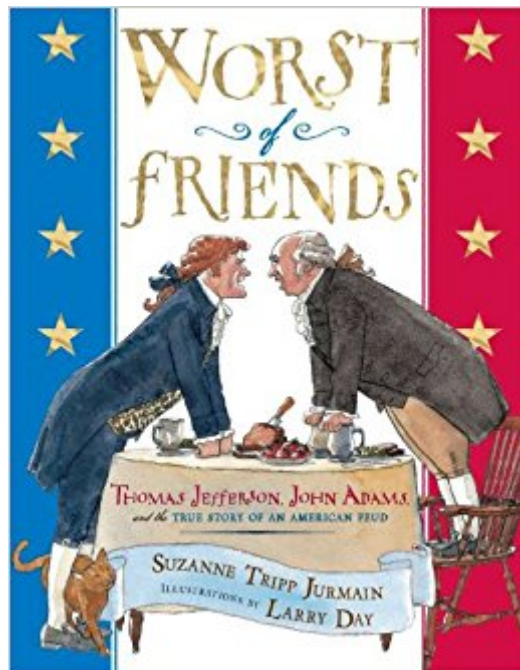




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Worst Of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams And The True Story Of An American Feud



Synopsis

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were good friends with very different personalities. But their differing views on how to run the newly created United States turned them into the worst of friends. They each became leaders of opposing political parties, and their rivalry followed them to the White House. Full of both history and humor, this is the story of two of America's most well-known presidents and how they learned to put their political differences aside for the sake of friendship.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 2-4-Suzanne Tripp Jurmain makes early American history more accessible and our founding fathers more human for young students in her book (Dutton, 2011) about the friendship and feud between Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. She profiles both the differences between these two men as well as the bond that grew between them as they worked together to forge a new nation. Problems arose over the question of balance of power: Adams believed that the president should be given more power, while Jefferson feared that a president who was too powerful might damage the new government. Their dispute was exacerbated when Adams was elected president, with Jefferson as his vice president, and their opposing political parties escalated the feud to the point of violence. When Jefferson defeated Adams for the presidency in the next election, it seemed that

their friendship would be doomed. The book ends on a positive note, however, as the two did reconnect through a long string of correspondences, and they died on the same day. Richard Poe expressively reads this engaging, heartwarming tale with clarity and humor. By humanizing these two friends, rivals, and leaders, students will be better able to understand this segment of American history and the intricacies of our early government.-MaryAnn Karre, Horace Mann and Thomas Jefferson Elementary Schools, Binghamton, NY
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"Feisty narration paired with amusing illustrations makes light of sticky situations . . . A pleasingly lucid look at a complicated relationship."--Kirkus Reviews
"Day's watercolor-and-ink illustrations brilliantly add humor to the narrative . . . Especially for Presidents' Day or as a vehicle for discussing friendship issues, *Worst of Friends* is a winner."--School Library Journal
"Illustrated with charming cartoon-like drawings that convey their personalities and pastimes, this nonfiction picture book tells tales of early America-in-the-making and also makes the point that best friends can have serious disagreements that lead to years-long separations but, in the end, make up."--Children's Literature
"This entertaining and character-driven slice of history also offers a clear message about friendship."--Publisher's Weekly
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John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the best of friends while creating the Declaration of Independence and working towards independence from Britain. They were both ambassadors to European countries after the Revolutionary war, and in these roles they were also best of friends. However, when determining what kind of government the United States of America should have, they disagreed. They didn't disagree in a friendly way; they talked about each other behind each other's backs. They chose not to have anything to do with each other. Much later, after Adam's and then Jefferson had been President, they each went home to read and be with their families. During this time, they once again became friends, writing many, many letters back and forth. In "*Worst of Friends*" The story of Adams and Jefferson is told as a story almost every child has experienced. Who hasn't been so angry with a friend that he or she has wanted to do the equivalent of jumping on his wig in frustration. It makes two great men seem human. It also teaches a lesson about friendship: that when a best friendship appears to be lost, it may return again. "*Worst of Friends*" also gives us an idea of what it's like to have a political friendship. When the two friends agree on politics, the friendship can be very close. When they disagree, sometimes the friendship has to cool

down. But that doesn't mean that ultimately the two political friends don't have a great deal of respect for each other. The illustrations in this book are lighthearted and funny. They augment the text, and they do so effortlessly. In the front of the book there's an excellent selected bibliography for adult readers. "Worst of Friends" is a wonderful view of a friendship just like any child would have, except that this was a friendship between two of the most important people who started our country. It's also a great example of how you can be friends, and sometimes can't be friends, when politics are involved.

Let me preface this by saying that I am a very particular when it comes to book buying, so when I saw this I was excited. My daughter loves learning, but biographies for kids can be somewhat dry when they are written for such young readers. This book is great because it managed to highlight their friendship, while maintaining the story pretty accurate. The only reason I'm not giving it a 5 star rating is honestly because I'm stingy with those, and save them for books that I absolutely adore.

For my granddaughter who is beginning to be interested in history. I think it's a great way of presenting the friendly conflict of these two founding fathers.

I read it to my first graders. Cute book and my students loved it. Good for a history story and friendship.

Very cute book breaking down history for kids. My daughter though it was a great book for her oral report on John Adams and her best friend is doing it on Thomas Jefferson so I am sure they will come up with quite a cute skit!

Read this book to my 8th grade students...proof that older kids like simple things sometimes. Good story!

Timely and just what I was expecting.

This thoughtful children's book is perfect choice for an election year. It uses the true friendship of two leaders of the American Revolution to show how opinions can divide us but true friendship abides all things.

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