Who Was Albert Einstein?
Everyone has heard of Albert Einstein—but what exactly did he do? How much do kids really know about Albert Einstein besides the funny hair and genius label? For instance, do they know that he was expelled from school as a kid? Finally, here's the story of Albert Einstein's life, told in a fun, engaging way that clearly explores the world he lived in and changed. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

**Synopsis**

I happened upon this series and bought this book in the hopes it would be one I could read to children about Albert Einstein. In general, the writing is excellent and age appropriate. Some science concepts associated with Einstein are addressed, again at the appropriate level for the intended audience. However, I simply can not recommend a book that perpetuates the urban legend that "Albert was expelled from school." This is simply not the case. You can even find a copy of Einstein's high school diploma on the web. He did have issues with his high school teachers, but that did not lead to his being expelled. Apparently it led to his taking the necessary exams to graduate early. I also take issue with the author in a side bar where he discusses the "famous formula" linking energy and matter. The author highlights this sidebar with "Warning! Hard Stuff!". This kind of label becomes a self fulfilling prophesy in later years. If a child is told at a young age that something is "hard stuff", educators have seen that they hold on to this view well into their later years. Do a search for the study called "A Private Universe" and maybe you will better understand how misconceptions from early youth can stay with a person into their college years.
I thought Who Was Albert Einstein? was a great book. Hats off to Jess Brallier! I have read this book two or three times, which is rare for me, since I do not like to re-read things, so that must tell you how good this book is! I learned a lot of things like he was born on March 14, 1879, he had two wives, he wasn't the best father (in his own words), his brain is floating around in a jar today, 52 years after his death, and many more interesting things! You should read this book, and I would even recommend it to adults!!!

I read this after my nine year old daughter and found it to be age appropriate and generally informative, however there seemed to be a clear religious bias to the text. Specifically, page 19 indicates that science did not affect his beliefs in a religious system, but incited him to learn to "read God’s mind." Chapter 6 is captioned, "Unless the concept of peace based on law gathers behind it the force and zeal of a religion, it can hardly hope to succeed." The actual quote is "One strength of the communist system of the East is that it has some of the character of a religion and inspires the emotions of a religion. Unless the concept of peace based on law gathers behind it the force and zeal of a religion, it can hardly hope to succeed." Clearly the quote placed in context is far different than original one presented in the text.

These are the best nonfiction books for 3rd through 6th graders for AR. As a teacher and a parent, these are always my first recommendation to meet their AR goal. We require 3 nonfiction books per 9 weeks and these can be read in just a few days. They are informative and the kids overwhelmingly enjoy them.

My 8 yr old was able to read this and understand it. He used this for his autobiography book report. He found it very interesting and he just keep reading it everyday. I like these books for kids a lot and will buy more. They way they are written is great and educational. Perfect for kids!

Jess Brallier did a terrific job presenting facts about Albert Einstein. The book included every single detail about Einstein’s marvelous life. It will surely intrigue readers. For me reading about someone special like Einstein is a prize because you get to learn about someone’s remarkable life and at the same time explore another world. Einstein’s biography will inspire readers because of his lifelong lesson-to keep on learning and never give up! Albert Einstein is my role model. He was a hardworking and a kind person who donated so much to the world. I recommend this book to people
who are interested in Albert Einstein and those who want to change the world! by Emily P. (soon to be in grade 4)

Good book, fast shipping, nice quick review of Einstein's life. Perfect for our homeschool. Large type, pictures, and short chapters make it an easy read. We read one "Who Was..." book each week for enrichment.

Kids who don't want to try non-fiction because they think it's boring will really be surprised to find that real amazing people are interesting to learn about. This series is a great way to get your non-fiction haters to become interested and want to learn more. My young readers love telling me about these true heroes!

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