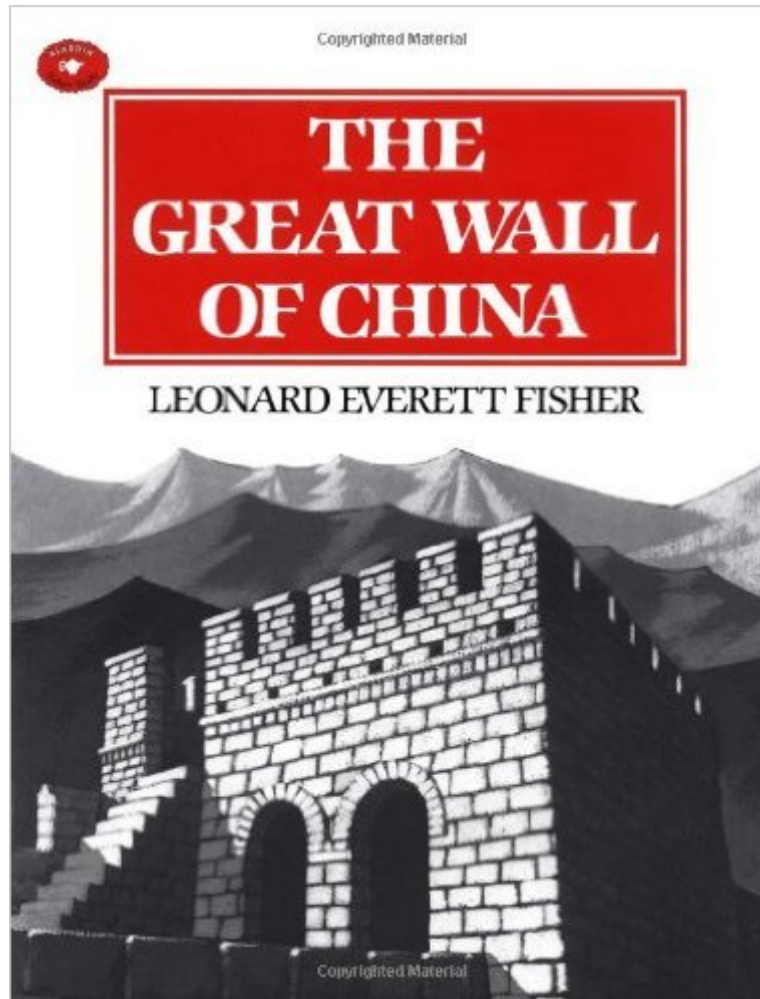


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Synopsis

A brief history of the Great Wall of China, begun about 2,200 years ago to keep out Mongol invaders.

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

Customer Reviews

The Great Wall of China by Leonard Everett Fisher falls into a rather odd category. Parents should be aware of the content of this particular work before they make the purchase. I personally liked the work and used this work to lead a discussion with a group of children age 12 and 13. While the book is meant for children younger, it brings out aspects of the building of this wall that I personally feel may not be suitable for the very young. (Yes, I realize the reading recommendation on this one is 9-12, but even so, it is normally filled with books for a much younger age and can be found in many second grade library shelves. Personally, I think that 9 years old is stretching it a bit, especially if there is not an adult moderator present). There is the aspect of violence. The book does depict people being whipped by soldiers as they are forced into virtual slave labor and it depicts the agony on their faces as they are ripped from the arms of their families and loved ones. The story tells us that those who tried to run away from the project, or complained a lot, were buried alive in this wall. The pictures are in dark, somber tones and the entire book has a rather grim overall feeling. Now I

am a strong believer in telling children the facts of life about the world around them, in particular when it comes to history; but also strongly feel that there is a time and place and appropriate intellectual and physical age that children should be exposed to the entire truth. The age group that this work is targeted for, in my opinion, is a bit young. Being buried alive is not something I want a six or seven year old child going to bed at night worried about. The drawings in this work are powerful, I will grant you that.

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