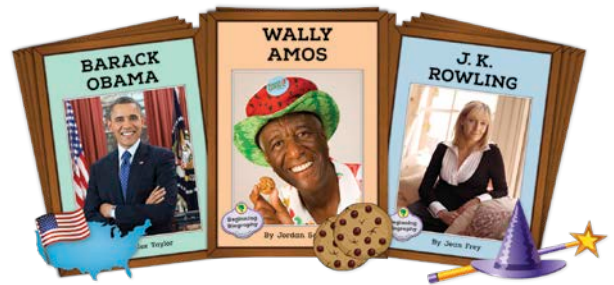




# Learning® Magazine Teachers' Choice<sup>SM</sup> Award for the Classroom Evaluation

## Beginning Biography Series

Complete Classroom Library



### What aspects of this product did you like the most?

I loved these books! I love teaching biographies to my young students and it is most difficult to find books that are just right in reading difficulty and content for young children. I found these biographies to be very interesting to young children and very age appropriate. I liked the wide range of people included from authors to inventors to sports heroes to our president.

I also love that eBooks are available for use on classroom computers and iPads with outstanding added features such as journals, smart links, and flash cards to enhance and individualize student learning.

I like that each book came with a teaching guide that included applicable vocabulary that may need to be reviewed as well as ideas for comprehension conversations.

I love that this product provided biographies of famous people, but those not written about often. My students learned about people they didn't think they knew, but once reading the book, they could identify the famous person.

They easily correlated with the Common Core State Standards as they provided practice in reading and understanding informational text. All the books also contain text features including captions, glossaries, and tables of contents.

### How did you make use of the product, or integrate it into your lesson plans?

I used these books in my classroom during various units of study. During our study of favorite authors and illustrators, I used the biographies on Dr. Seuss and J.K. Rowling. We studied Neil Armstrong during our unit on space and Barack Obama for our unit on presidents and government. The children were thrilled to have texts they could read by themselves and/or with limited assistance.

We also used many of the biographies for research. The children enjoyed learning all the unique facts and the new information led to many educational group discussions.

I used these books during my intervention block with my students who needed more individualized instruction in reading.

I used this product for individual reading time and when we were studying and writing biographies. I had my students chose a person, read the text, research the person more in depth, and then write their own biography on their person.

### Would you recommend this product to a teacher at the appropriate grade/age level?

I would definitely recommend these books to kindergarten through second grade teachers. Younger students enjoy having these biographies read to them while other students enjoy reading/researching on their own and learning valuable skills concerning informational texts. The books are teacher friendly as each title is accompanied by a teacher support card with valuable lesson ideas and teaching strategies.

I would highly recommend these books. They are grade/age appropriate and the teaching guides are user friendly. In addition, the books are related to subjects that interest today's students.

I would definitely recommend this product to other first grade classrooms. I think the company did a great job of using a variety of people for their biographies.