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Born in Warsaw, Poland, on November 7, 1867, Marie Curie was forbidden to attend the male-only University of Warsaw, so she enrolled at the Sorbonne in Paris to study physics and mathematics. There she met a professor named Pierre Curie, and the two soon married, forming one of the most famous scientific partnerships in history. Together they discovered two elements and won a Nobel Prize in 1903. (Later Marie won another Nobel award for chemistry in 1911.) She died in Savoy, France, on July 4, 1934, a victim of many years of exposure to toxic radiation.

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Travis says

This book is biography about a woman name Marie Curie, and the book takes you through her life starting when she was born until when she died, Here is some things in this book. Marie Curie enrolled at the Sorbonne in Paris to study physics and mathematics. when she arrived she ended up meeting a man named Pierre Curie. Both of them ended up becoming famous, they discovered two elements radium and polonium, and won a Nobel Prize. Marie Curie also won an award for chemistry. Marie passed away on July 4, 1934, because she was exposed for many years to toxic radiation.

Sofia says

I thought the book was very informing. In the beginning, I knew very little of Marie Curie and what she had discovered. After reading, I understood much more!

Laura says

Great book!

Natalie says

It's hard to get reluctant readers to read anything, let alone biographies which is why I love this series. Each book tells the story of someone fantastic from history in an accessible way. The illustrations are great for bringing the story to life. As an adult, it only takes about 20-25 min to read one book but for a lot of kids, it's a real accomplishment finishing one of these.

I usually leave each book feeling wildly impressed with who I just read about, I don't know why, but I didn't feel that way after reading this book. Marie Curie was amazing - she was a forward thinking female scientist at a time when that was a "highly discouraged," career path for woman. I was kind of surprised that when I was finished I felt more "meh" than anything else. I don't know if was my mood or the way the story unfolded - I don't know, but that's how I felt.

I admire how Marie lived her life to the fullest, whatever she was doing. She never let anything stand in her way to stop her from doing what she wanted to do.

Here's some interesting things I learned about Madame Curie:

*She spoke five languages.

*She graduated from high school at age 15 and even won a gold medal for being the best student.

*It was illegal for women in Warsaw to attend college so a woman named Jadwiga Dawidowa started a secret university for women. Some of the smartest writers and scientists agreed to teach. It became known as the "Flying University" because they had to keep moving the location so Russian police wouldn't discover it. Marie and her sister both attended.

*Marie wanted to attend the Sorbonne in Paris. She lived in a tiny one bedroom apartment. She cooked her meals over an alcohol lamp. She couldn't always afford food and coal. To keep warm she would pile all her clothes on top of her when she slept. It's so inspiring to me what people do for a chance to be educated. I try to teach my students to be grateful for the opportunities they have, even if it's sometimes boring and not their favorite thing.

*When Marie entered the science department there were 1,825 students and only 23 were women. There was only one other woman that graduated when she did and Marie was first in her class. (Brilliant!!)

*Marie met her hubby, Pierre, because she needed to use one of his inventions for her experiments. He was smart, quiet, and loved science as much as she did.

*Other scientists wouldn't accept that she had found a new element. For three years she sifted through tons of pitchblende. She used 8 tons of pitchblende and 400 hundred tons of water and she was finally getting small bits of radium out.

*When Pierre and Marie first won the Nobel Prize they wrote that they weren't able to attend! They didn't realize that the King of Sweden presented the award and they would be getting a lot of money.

*People didn't realize how dangerous radium was. Actors and dancers put it on their costumes. Rich people drank it everyday and it broke their jaws apart. It was put in makeup and on watches.

*Pierre was killed when he was hit by a horse and buggy. It broke Marie. Ironically, the Sorbonne asked Marie to take over his teaching job, even though they wouldn't offer her one when he was alive.

*Marie was nominated to become the first woman member of the French Academy of Sciences. People had strong feelings on both sides. They ended up not letting her in.

*Marie won a second Nobel Prize.

*To this day, her belongings are still too radioactive to handle safely.

Lucia says

My daughter chose to be Marie Curie for her famous person project and read this book for research. She said it was a great book so I read it too. This is a wonderful book for a child doing a project on Marie Curie to read or for anyone interested in this amazing person. It is clear and succinct, containing all the important information you would need to know, but is also very interesting. I thought I knew a lot about Marie Curie, but I learned so much more. She was incredible! We know she was the first woman to win a Noble Prize for her discovery of radiation and the first person to win two for her discovery of radium and polonium, but she

remains today the only person to have two in science. She was also the first woman in Europe to get a doctorate degree and to be a professor. She invented the mobile x-ray unit to help soldiers during WWI and she started the Radium institute, all in the early 1900s when not only were women not scientists, they didn't even go to college! She was denied the right to make an acceptance speech for her Nobel Prize because she was a woman, she was asked to decline the second one when news of an affair leaked out and she refused, saying her personal life has nothing to do with her scientific accomplishments. (This would never have happened to a man!). She is an amazing inspiration for little girls and women in science and this is a must read for all little girls to unlock their scientific potential!!!!

Maya M says

Maya Margalit 11/22/16
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This book was about the scientist Marie Curie. Marie Curie discovered a new metal and was the first lady to win a Nobel Prize. She watched her father as he worked and admire his little bottles he kept on a shelf. She lived in Poland and went to a school where she had to speak a different language. When she grow older she worked as a governess and fell in love with the son of the family she worked for. But they forbade her from marrying their son so she moved to France to find the love of her life who also loved science. when she discovered the radioactive metal she won another Nobel Prize but her husband refused because he said Marie was sick. A while later she died of radioactive poisoning and her cloths and papers where too radioactive to touch. She now lie dead next to her beloved husband. Rest in peace Marie, Rest in peace.

Shaikhah says

Amazing story ...

Tom Jorgenson says

Another one read for its popularity at the library. I'm really glad this series exists. Chapter books at a low reading level about TRUE STUFF. For the kids who aren't into fiction. It provides clear and concise information with attractive illustrations and helpful background info for context.

Apriel says

When I checked this ebook out I didn't realize it was a book for young readers, though the crazy portrait on the cover should have clued me in. While not the in-depth biography on Marie Curie and radium I was looking for, it was a quick and informative read.

Lenoire says

Marie Curie is a famous scientist who discovered several new materials. However, did you know Marie was able to speak five different languages? Both of her parents placed a high importance on learning, especially, since they were both teachers. Marie always had an innate passion for learning and she felt comfortable while working in a lab. She was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize. She had many noteworthy accomplishments in her career but, she didn't like the publicity.

I thought this biography was well written and thoughtful. It is also empowering for young girls who have an interest in the STEM field. It shows Marie as a strong female lead. I enjoyed the balance Marie had with her passions in life: her family and science. Overall, a great beginner biography of a very talented woman.

****Disclosure - I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest opinion****

Tori Swanson says

Well done biography for young readers. The background knowledge is placed strategically in the book. I found those vignettes helpful for scaffolding the new facts and enabling better understanding of Curie's contributions and challenges in a world wide context.

Michaela says

Of course I had to read this one, after all she discovered two elements and coined the term radioactivity.

I learned some fun facts I didn't know before: she won 2 Nobel Prizes and her daughter went on to win one as well.

Kelly says

I've never understood most elements of science. But this book does a marvelous job at breaking down and explaining Marie Curie's work and her discovery of radium and polonium. Interesting woman, interesting life.

Reving says

<https://revingsblog.blogspot.com/2018...>

Silvia says

Concise, detailed, and interesting read. Plan to get more of the series for my classroom.
