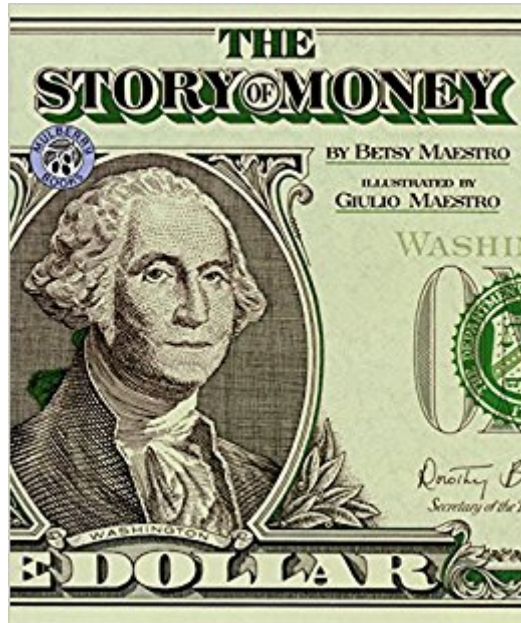




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Synopsis

Explore the many forms money has taken around the world and through history, from doubloons of ages past to contemporary credit cards.

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Customer Reviews

This prolific team tackles the advent of legal tender and a mini-history of economics in their latest picture book. The concept of barter is introduced and then shown evolving into the modern practice of trading money for goods and services. Currency's physical development is also chronicled, from Native American wampum to Spanish "pieces of eight" to various European precious metal coins and printed paper bills. Although the text contains a vast array of factoids, their presentation lacks style and excitement. The dry, straightforward sentence structure fails to illuminate this topic's potentially engrossing aspects. Giulio Maestro's detailed, historically accurate illustrations, rendered in muted pencil, watercolor and crayon, prove serviceable without adding much spark. This volume will be useful in classrooms and libraries for its noteworthy effort to place a concept within historical contexts. Ages 7-10. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I read this with my 6 year old. He's very interested in coins and money and he really enjoyed this book. He is probably a bit too young for it - we had to read in sections because he didn't have the attention span for the whole book at once. Also, I would read it in chunks aloud and after each chunk we would talk about what it meant and take time to look at all the pictures so as to help him really understand it. BUT the result is that he loved it. He has a really good concept of what money is, how it came about, and all the different forms it can be. And he was very absorbed looking at all the pictures and imagining using money that was bigger than he was. The only part of the book I wasn't so taken with was the end. I felt like the electronic money and money of the future portion was kind of phoned in. I'm not so sure it was even necessary. I would have preferred if it had ended with today's common currencies. Or maybe if it had had something valuable to say about paperless money it would have been better. It seemed like a obligatory mention with a few definitions and a "who knows what's coming next" tag line added on for good measure. Meh. Overall, I give the book 4 out of 5 stars. Most of it was really interesting and the pictures were great. It was told in a way that was logical and understandable and engaging.

The history of money is a huge topic, and this book provides a great overview of the transition from hunting and gathering, to bartering and trade, to different types of currency, to the electronic transactions of today. My kids found the illustrations of ancient coins and paper money really interesting. There are three pages of additional information in the back of the book, including some facts about very unusual money. (I'm not sure why that info wasn't just included in the book; maybe the author felt it would distract from the general story?) I would give this book 5 stars but the text is just a bit dry and repetitive in places. It's independent reading for 2nd grade or above, but younger kids would enjoy hearing it too.

Okay book, a little to "young" for my kids. I thought the book was just okay. We kept it and will probably donate it.

I think an "Excellent" rating is self-explanatory.

I read this book to my class. The illustrations and storyline are very easy for primary students to comprehend. I would recommend the book to anyone who is trying to explain the history to money

to younger children.

Betsy is a thorough researcher who makes information interesting for children AND adults.

First time I borrowed the book from library. After I read it, I wanted to own this book. It's a very good beginning financial sense for kid.

I love this text. I think this is a great text to use in the classroom and it gives a great description of the history of how money came to be. It is clear and very readable. I love this book.

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