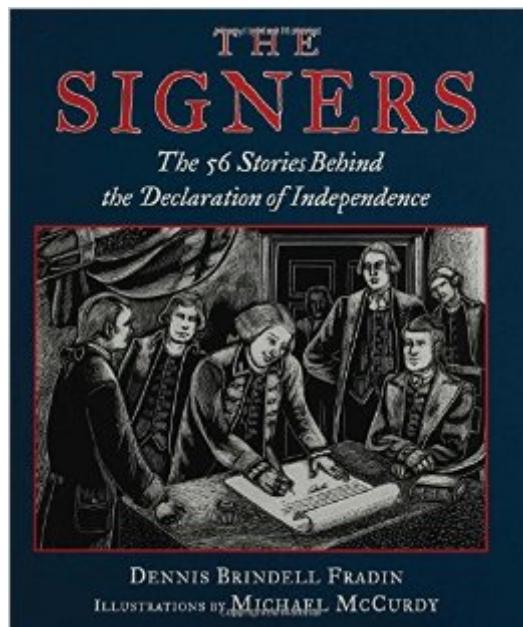


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# The Signers: The 56 Stories Behind The Declaration Of Independence



## **Synopsis**

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." For more than 225 years these words have inspired men and women in countries the world over to risk everything in pursuit of these lofty ideals. When they first appeared in our nation's birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence, they were a call to action for a colony on the brink of rebellion. The 56 men who dared to sign their names to this revolutionary document knew they were putting their reputations, their fortunes, and their very lives on the line by boldly and publicly declaring their support for liberty and freedom. As Benjamin Franklin said as he signed his name, "We must all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately!" Who were these men who are the first heroes of our nation? Award-winning team of author Dennis Brindell Fradin and illustrator Michael McCurdy bring their considerable talents together to illuminate the lives of these valiant men, ranging from the poorest farmers to the wealthiest merchants, whose dauntless courage inspired thousands of colonists to risk all for freedom.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is recommended for my daughters' home school curriculum. I wanted to check it out before purchasing and was able to do so through our local library. I was sorely disappointed with

it. First, I found the author's style of writing to be lacking in cohesiveness. I have been using the Excellence in Writing series, teaching my children to stick to one subject in a paragraph. This author fails miserably to do so. I want the books we use to be well written examples of what I expect from them. This book wasn't. My second reason for not liking the book is the author tends to state opinion as fact. One example is the paragraph he wrote about Thomas Jefferson fathering children by his slave. That allegation has never been substantiated one way or the other. The author, whether out of ignorance or wanting to pass his opinion on as fact, states the unproven rumor as fact. Any one who has seriously looked into the matter would know that there is no firm evidence to say that he did or did not have children with Sally Hemmings. The firmest evidence is DNA, and the DNA testing that has been done can only prove that a man related to President Jefferson fathered one of her children. He went so far as to imply how President Jefferson felt ashamed about fathering children by his slave. As far as I know, Jefferson never acknowledged his political enemy's claim of fathering slave children, so how can the author state such feelings as fact? Also, the author talks about extramarital relationships in the same manner as a death of a signer's parent. He seems to relish bringing up any sexual immorality the signers may have committed. I couldn't bring myself to finish the book, because it was done in such a style of gossip.

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