

STORY OF JUNIPERO SERRA



Synopsis

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Grade 3-6 White retells the adventures, hardships, and contributions of Father Junipero Serra. While there is nothing exciting about the format, illustrations, content, or style of this book, it would be useful as an introduction or supplement to the study of Father Serra and the California missions. As a read-aloud, it would provide students with a colorful overview of Serra's life, although one that is simplistic and unfailingly positive. Rosie Peasley, Sylvan Union School District, Modesto, Calif. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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I think this book does an excellent job for students and parents/adults alike, to see just how

influential and positive Father Junipero Serra really was. He was a man who had extraordinary vision for the lives of the people he touched. He was committed in his faith, and this biography depicts this strongly. Also, students will learn of his fortitude in tough times, as well as his ability to find the good in everyone and in every situation. The illustrations are rich, full of life, yet the text is still inviting to younger readers. After you come to the end of this book, you feel like you had a small glimpse into the life of an incredible individual. Though a bit long for some younger readers, this is a must read for anyone interested in the birth and formation of California Missions.

Great children's book..truly a saint!

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