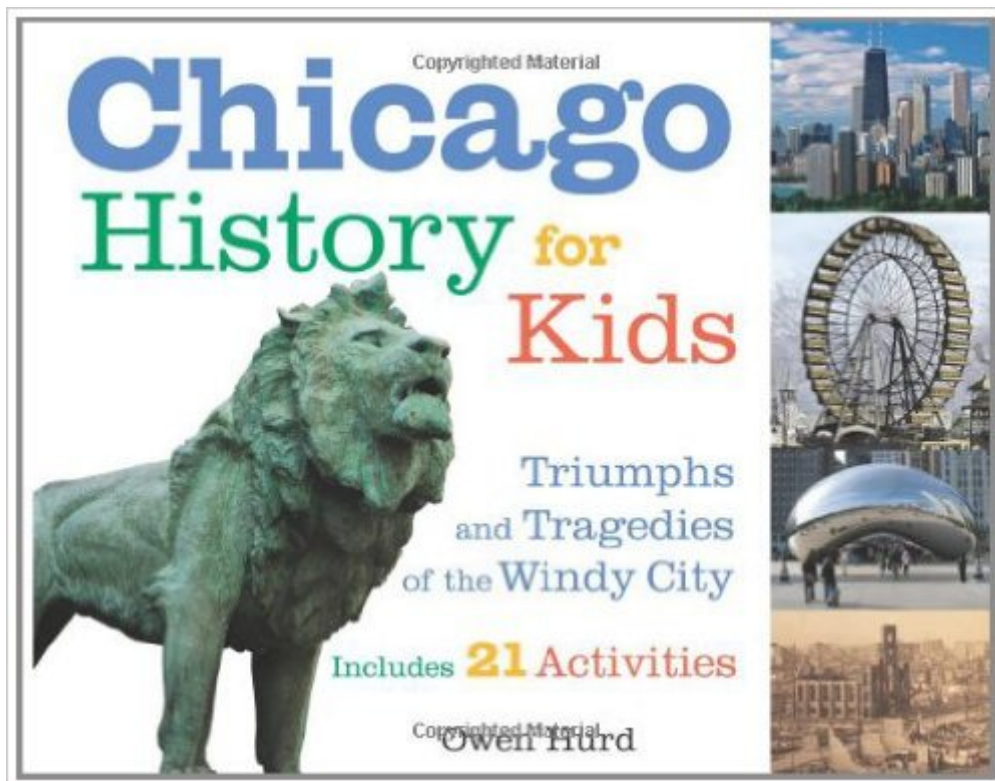


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# Chicago History For Kids: Triumphs And Tragedies Of The Windy City Includes 21 Activities (For Kids Series)



## Synopsis

From the Native Americans who lived in the Chicago area for thousands of years, to the first European explorers Marquette and Jolliet, to the 2005 Chicago White Sox World Series win, parents, teachers, and kids will love this comprehensive and exciting history of how Chicago became the third largest city in the U.S. Chicago's spectacular and impressive history comes alive through activities such as building a model of the original Ferris Wheel, taking architectural walking tours of the first skyscrapers and Chicago's oldest landmarks, and making a Chicago-style hotdog. Serving as both a guide to kids and their parents and an engaging tool for teachers, this book details the first Chicagoan Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, the Fort Dearborn Massacre, the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, the building of the world's first skyscraper, and the hosting of two World's Fairs. In addition to uncovering Windy City treasures such as the birth of the vibrant jazz era of Louis Armstrong and the work of Chicago poets, novelists, and songwriters, kids will also learn about Chicago's triumphant and tortured sports history.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

As a lifelong Chicagoan, I find this work outstanding. It includes many hands-on activities for kids, such as making a mini-glacier, constructing a simulated Native American longhouse, making a

replica of a pinhole camera, using a pan to make a simulated Chicago River watershed, etc. Topics covered include the Indian past (including the Bowman site and the Blue Island culture), the early fur traders, pre-Fire Chicago, the Chicago Fire, the rapid rebuilding, the Stockyards and consequences of industrialization, various social issues, the 1968 Democratic Convention, the ascension of Harold Washington to the Office of Mayor, etc. An extensive bibliography in the back of the book allows the reader to do further research on this dynamic city.

It is a really cool book on Chicago. My 11 year old daughter wanted to learn about Chicago and then take a trip there next summer to actually visit some of these places. It's written great with a good balance of pictures and projects to do.

I've given this book to many kids and adults because it is truly the most accessible history of the city of Chicago I've seen. The book traces American history by exploring the amazing city of Chicago from the first dinosaurs until today. By examining how Chicago's unique culture was created and expanded from the early 1800s, the book examines issues that faced all of America during the last 200 years in a way kids can understand. Native American life is explored first including how the city got its name, then the book delves into why the city's first settler was a black man, the arrival of Europeans, the story of Fort Dearborn, the truth about the Chicago fire, the Chicago Exposition, and the influence of Marshall Field and a group of architects who became world-renowned for inventing the skyscraper. The book also examines how people from different countries combined to create the city's unique culture of neighborhoods, including how the blues arrived with sharecroppers from Mississippi's Delta and how ethnic groups including Germans, Serbs, Irish, Mexicans, Poles and other groups came to find work and brought along their own cultural additions to Chicago. The book looks at all aspects of Chicago from its earliest beginnings - and does so in a way that is easy for kids to understand and for adults to enjoy. A real gem of a book and great family reading.

This is such a great book. It covers a lot of the history of Chicago that appeals both to kids as well as adults. My nephew really liked the book and had a lot of fun doing the crafts. It was refreshing to have so much fun with a book instead of trying to bear through it. Owen Hurd wrote this in such an intelligent way that it is as entertaining for adults as it is for kids.

I purchased this book as a replacement. It was very helpful for a unit about Chicago at the end of the school year.

I was very pleased upon the receipt of Chicago History for Kids. It arrived promptly and was in great condition. My students and I are really nejoying its contents.

Neat overview of Chicago history.

I have just started this book, but it has a lot of in depth material. Very fascinating facts, but not simple material. Appropriate for more mature students.

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