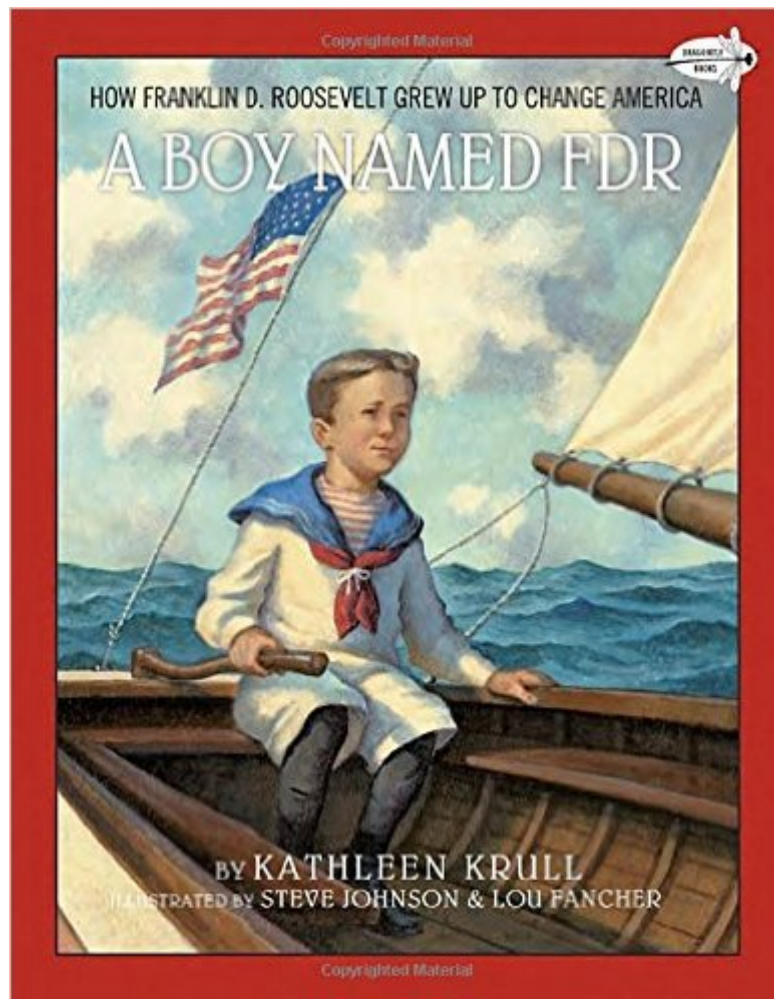


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# A Boy Named FDR: How Franklin D. Roosevelt Grew Up To Change America



## Synopsis

Franklin D. Roosevelt was born into one of the wealthiest families in America, yet this ultimate rich kid grew up to do more for ordinary Americans than any other president. This appealing picture book biography shows how, from childhood on, FDR was compassionate, cheerful, determined, and enormously likable. Though he had private tutors as a young boy and later attended an elite boys' school, he played pranks and had down-to-earth fun just like any boy today. Kathleen Krull's animated picture book biography focuses on FDR's childhood years through his entry as a young man into politics and his battle with polio. A summary of his achievements as president and a chronology of his life are included. The well-researched text and the evocative illustrations by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher provide an inspiring introduction to one of our greatest presidents.

## Book Information

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How did a boy who grew up in the most privileged of American households become one of our presidents who did the most for the "common man"? Award-winning nonfiction author Kathleen Krull attempts to provide some answers to this historical mystery in her picture book biography of FDR, which concentrates on his youth and early adulthood, before he became president. As she explains in her preface, FDR was the "ultimate rich kid," but one who is now ranked as one of our most inspirational presidents, due to his leadership during "two of our most frightening times," the Great

Depression and World War II. Krull paints a verbal picture (accompanied by lovely illustrations done in oil in a traditional style) of Franklin Delano Roosevelt as an infant and toddler, drinking literally out of a silver cup and wearing clothes with fancy lace collars. As a young boy he had his own pony and learned how to hunt and be a proper gentleman. He was so indulged by his parents, and when he got in trouble, his father would tell him, "consider yourself spanked." From an early age, his parents and teachers tried to teach him to feel compassion for the less fortunate. We see him as a young child, handing out presents to the children of the Roosevelt household staff at Christmas, and accompanying his mother to hand out food to the poor. Later at school at Groton, his headmaster reinforced the lesson of helping the less fortunate, and encouraged young Franklin's interest in politics. Franklin even spent a summer working as a camp counselor teaching water sports at a camp for poor boys. Krull portrays Franklin's budding interest in politics, encouraged by cousin Teddy's win as president.

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