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Diana's White House Garden



Synopsis

Diana Hopkins lived in a white house. THE White House. World War II is in full force across the seas. It's 1943, President Roosevelt is in office, and Diana's father, Harry Hopkins, is his chief advisor. And Diana wants to be part of the war effort. After some well-intentioned missteps (her quarantine sign on her father's office door was not well-received), the President requests her help with his newest plan for the country's survival: Victory Gardens! From award-winning author Elisa Carbone comes the true story of how Diana Hopkins started her own Victory Garden on the White House lawn under the tutelage of Eleanor Roosevelt. With dedication and patience, she showed the nation that the war effort started first on the homefront.

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Customer Reviews

Summary: World War II is raging, and Diana Hopkins, the 10-year-old daughter of Presidential advisor Harry Hopkins wants to do her part. Spying and trying to scare off enemies by sticking pins in the couch don't work out for her so well, but she's delighted when she overhears her father and Franklin Roosevelt talking about a new plan to encourage Americans to grow victory gardens. The first demonstration garden is to be planted right on the White House lawn. Diana teams up with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Before long, Diana is outside watering and weeding almost every day, and even gets her picture in the paper with her thriving Victory Garden. On the

last page, the Hopkinesses and the Roosevelts sit down to a dinner that includes beans, carrots, lettuce, and tomatoes from the new garden. Notes from both the author and illustrator give a bit more information about Diana Hopkins and Victory Gardens, and the research that went into the creation of the book. Pros: A nice bit of World War II historical fiction. Diana is a likeable character, with both a mischievous side and an admirable desire to contribute to the war effort. Cons: Diana's life looks like it was a lot sadder than portrayed in this book—her mother died before this story takes place and her father, just a few years after.

Victory Gardens were big in World War II. But did you ever hear the story of how the White House got involved in the Victory Garden business? Who got it going? Why, a little girl. It's a lovely little story, told well for the young audience. I suspect you grownups will like it, too.

A great pick for the start of summer and the gardening season, the inspiring story of Diana Hopkins shows young readers that even they can make a difference and inspire others!

The kids love this one so much they asked to keep it at school for the reading room to share - so cute. Great book, great gift

This book is all that we had hoped for us and our grandchildren, since Diana's story is true and was lived by me!!!

Very charming, great story

Outstanding!

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