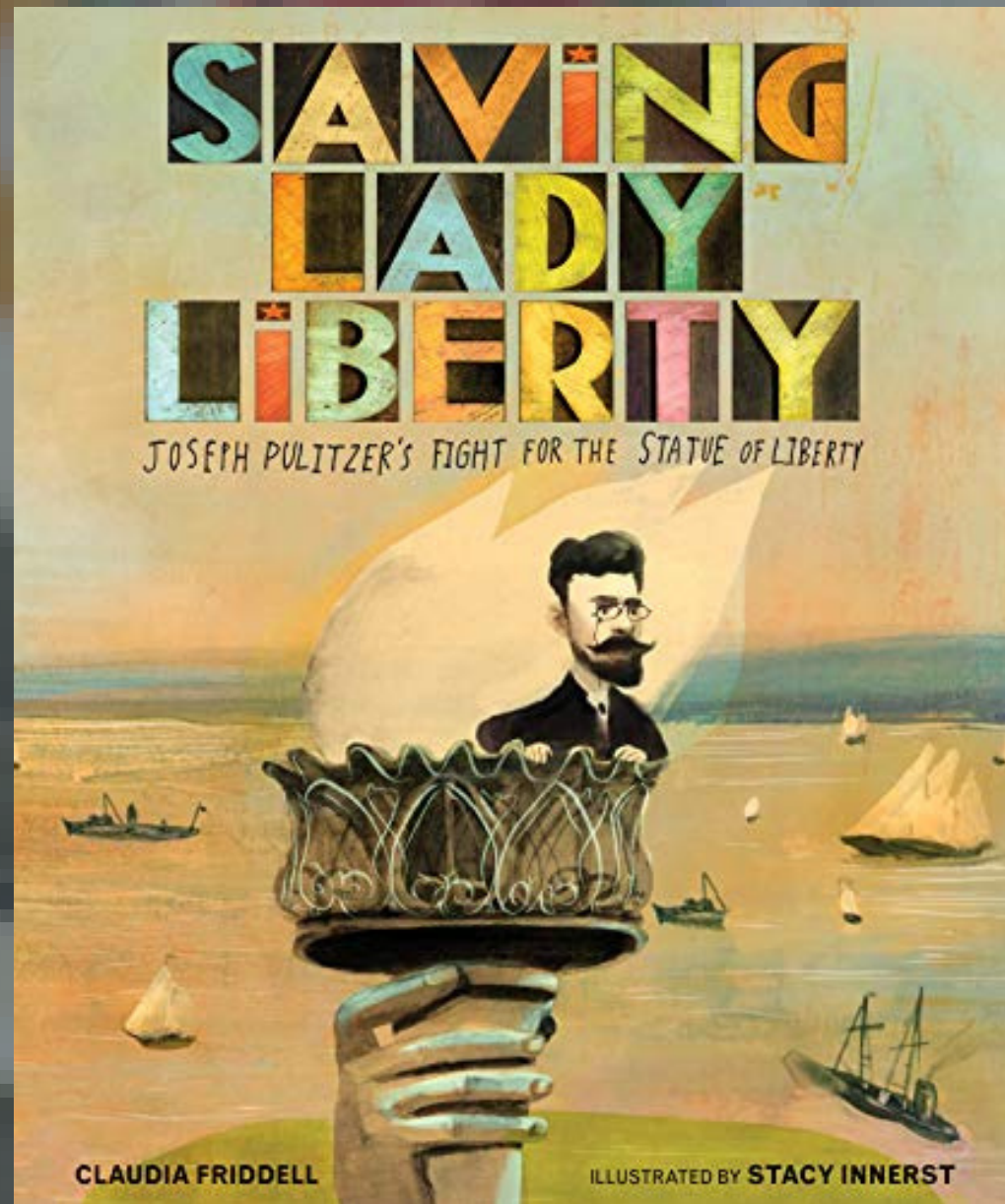


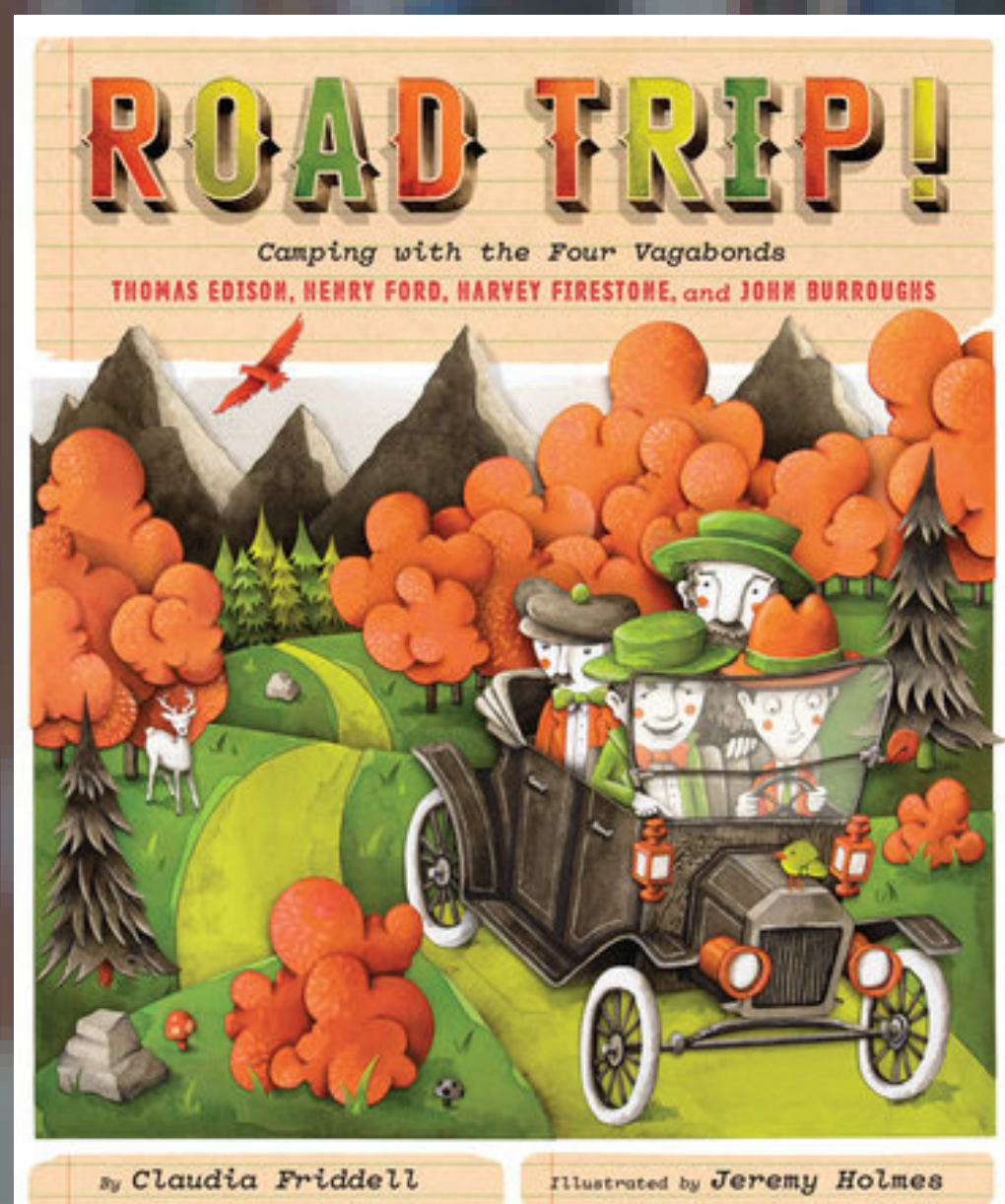
TESTIMONIALS



Wilson Elementary 5th graders had the best celebration for the Statue of Liberty's birthday. Claudia Friddell partnered with the National Park Service and Zoomed with our class for a question-and-answer session. Prior to the Zoom, Mrs. Friddell took time out of her busy schedule and contacted me several times to ensure this day would be special for the students. She sent a recorded reading of Saving Lady Liberty. During the reading, my learners were so engaged with the book. This book is filled with beautiful words and beautiful pictures. Mrs. Friddell also provided a lesson on Asking Good Questions. My learners came up with thought-provoking questions about Saving Lady Liberty. Mrs. Friddell was so welcoming and personable with my 5th graders. She took her time to answer questions with answers that lead to more discussions after the Zoom. They enjoyed asking her questions about the book and about her career. My learners will be talking about this day for a long time. Hands down, she is this class's favorite author. We can't wait to read Grace Banker and the Hello Girls Answer the Call.



Teacher at Wilson Elementary



Gr 3-6—An entertaining and informative picture book describing the camping adventures of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, John Burroughs, and Harvey Firestone. These famous men formed a friendship and shared a great love of the outdoors, calling themselves the Four Vagabonds. Their famous road trips inspired other Americans to discover the treasures in nature with a then new favorite pastime—recreational camping. The illustrations are bright and detailed with humorous speech bubbles in some panels and the four friends depicted as amusing caricatures. The afterword includes a detailed history of these four fellows, where they traveled, and why their adventures eventually came to an end. There are also photographs of the camping trips, their firsthand accounts, as well as accounts from some of the people they met on their trips. A detailed resource list is included for further research. VERDICT This is a dynamic and engaging book to complement units on inventors, nature, and camping. It is sure to spark further exploration of these famous men in history, and presents quite a contrast with what young people know of today's founders and start-up entrepreneurs.



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