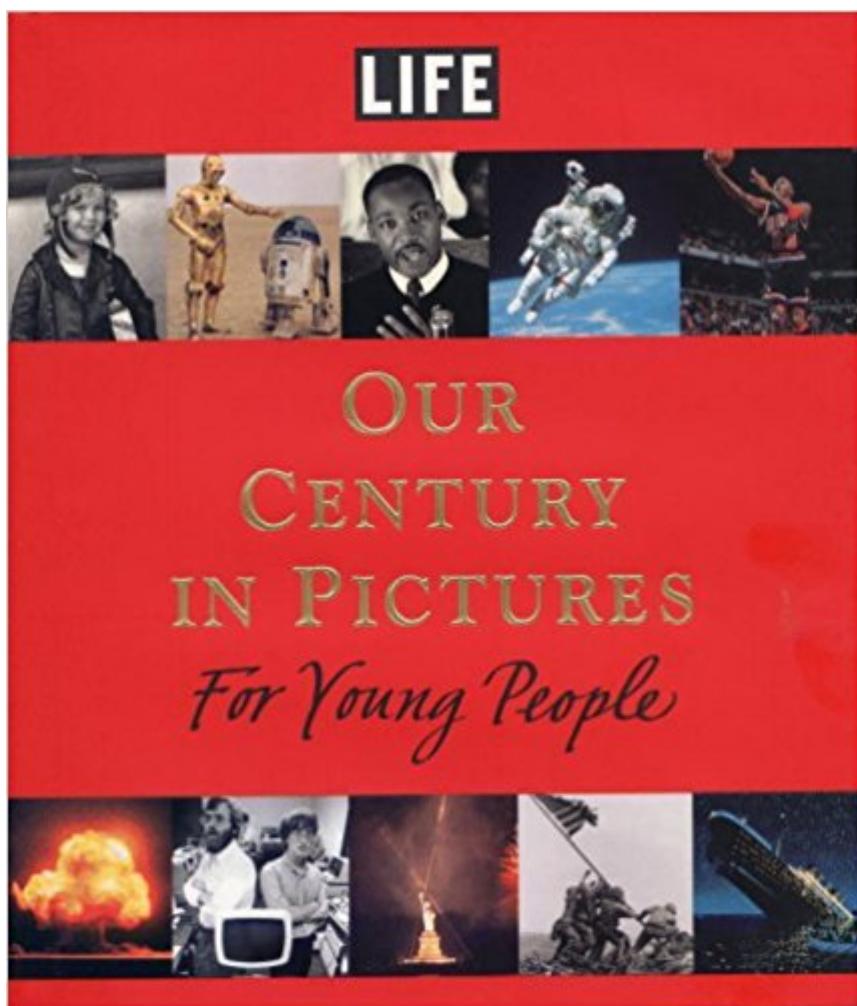


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# LIFE: Our Century In Pictures For Young People



## **Synopsis**

Drawing from LIFE magazine, this text chronicles the 20th century through a collection of photographs. Over 350 images show the triumphs and disasters, the social progress and setbacks, and the heroes and villains who have brought us to the 21st century.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The 20th century began with the invention of Kodak's Brownie camera and the first flight by the Wright brothers and ended with Nelson Mandela's return to political power and the deaths of John F. Kennedy Jr., Mother Teresa, and Princess Diana. And who better to pictorially recount the events of this epoch than Life magazine? Divided not by decade, but by nine historical clusters of years (1900-13, 1914-19, 1920-29, 1930-39, 1940-45, 1946-63, 1964-75, 1976-92, 1993-99), this photographic chronicle brings to life the amazing, horrifying, poignant, and thrilling moments that made up a century. Each chapter is introduced with an essay by a distinguished children's writer, including Jane Yolen, Avi, Gary Paulsen, Patrick and Fredrick McKissack, and Lois Lowry, and includes special sections called "Turning Points," which trace a trend or event from the beginning to the end of the century. Concluding each chapter are "Requiems," in which the lives of important people who died during those years are recalled. But it's the more than 380 remarkable photographs from Life magazine's archives that make this volume truly epic. Young readers who spent only a few years in the previous century will look with awe and wonder at the pictures taken during their parents' and grandparents' time, telling about Woodstock, the Holocaust, Babe Ruth, Bill Gates, the discovery of atomic power, and Sigmund Freud. From politics to art to technology to

science to social change, this book touches on it all, and will be a tremendous resource for years to come. (Ages 12 and older) --Emilie Coulter

Adapted by Amy Sklansky from the adult bestseller LIFE: Our Century in Pictures, this superb collection of carefully chosen, powerful images with pithy captions captures the events, people and culture that shaped the last 100 years. The volume overall does not go into the same amount of detail as Jennings and Brewster's recent The Century for Young People; on the other hand, Stolley, a longtime Time-Life journalist, covers events on a global scale. An ideal introduction for young people because of its highly visual focus, the book juxtaposes events close to home with those far away; in one spread, for example, a caption for a photo of Margaret Sanger discusses her 1916 arrest in New York for preaching contraception and appears alongside a picture of Dublin's Easter Monday uprising the same year. Stolley divides the century into nine chapters or "epochs," each briefly introduced by an award-winning children's author, including Lois Lowry, Jerry Spinelli and Katherine Paterson. Patricia and Fredrick McKissack's "Changes" (covering 1946-1963), for instance, offers a personal look at postwar America and sets the stage for the burgeoning civil rights and women's movements with all their triumphs and disappointments. Each chapter includes a "Turning Point" that describes such pivotal developments as space exploration and such cultural phenomena as the American musical, and concludes with a "Requiem" commemorating the deceased who defined the era. A visual treasure trove. Ages 10-up. (Nov.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I bought this book to give as a present for Christmas with the thought in mind that it would be a good keepsake for the new millenium. Now I'm having trouble giving it away. It is a great book for young and old. For the young to learn about the past and for the old to read and think - remember when?

I gave this book to my brother-in-law as a Christmas gift thinking he would really enjoy the historical aspect of the book, after-all he is 55 years old and a HUGE part of history already. Much to my surprise, he and my sister-in-law were appalled at the books content stating "it wasn't appropriate for their child" and the book was "full wars, riots and famine" and we live in an "evil world"! Well I've got news for you... There is beauty as well as graphic photography but, ITS HISTORY, AND WE ARE ALL PART OF THAT HISTORY! You can either hide your head in the sand, or be proud of where we have been, who we are and where we are going! Their kind of narrow-minded statements couldn't have been farther from the truth...God has shed His Grace on us, from sea to shining sea,

and I for one couldn't be more proud of the book and how it depicts our rich history! Every child should have this as required reading in school. Its the best history book I have ever seen or read.

This is a great read for history buffs who enjoy pictures. My daughters even got into it because of all the pictures.

I selected this book as a Christmas present for my father, but it turned out to be a gift for our whole family. My Great-Grandfather, 97 years old, was able to enjoy and share memories of each decade represented in this book. The pictures with brief descriptions are both captivating and educational at the same time. Share this book with each generation of your family and the generations to come.

I purchased this book to use with Sonlight Core 300, the 20th Century. It is one of the main required texts for the program. I am very glad that I was able to purchase it cheap from a seller, as there is not a lot of information in the book. The pictures are interesting to browse, but I am sure that one could easily complete a study of the 20th century without the book. It's not a bad book, just not a great book.

I purchased this book on the reputation of Life Magazine and I was definitely not disappointed. It must be truly one of the most amazing and informative treatments of our last century thanks to so many of the famous and not so well known figures and moments that brought our world to where it is today. The quality of photos and script are unique, first rate and yet quite familiar to anyone who has been a fan of Life Magazine over the years. I consider this heavy reflection of our last 100 years one of the best examples of REAL history I could own. My grandchildren will come to know and appreciate their heritage thanks in part to the facts and reflections of events far more impacting than I could ever envision. This will be a valuable complement to my collection of anything 20th century.

Very good resource.

Was a little disappointed that it was a smaller paperback.....was expecting the coffee table book.....but that explains the price, sooooooooooooo. Got it on time. Got it at the right price. Got it in great condition. Who can ask for more?

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