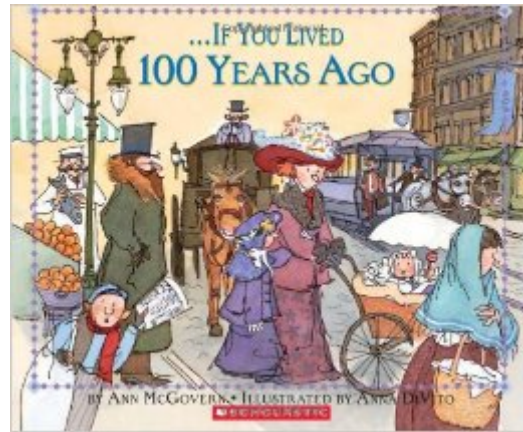


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# If You Lived 100 Years Ago



## Synopsis

Readers travel back in time to explore life in New York City 100 years ago, where there's not a television or computer in sight! This illustrated guide reveals how people both rich and poor dressed, traveled, dined, and entertained themselves.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

This book was very informative and helps the young reader to know what it would have been like to live in New York City at the turn of the last century. It touched on the rich and the poor, where they lived, where they worked, how they spent their leisure time, what life was like for the children, what they wore, what they ate, etc. It conveyed a lot of information in an easy, entertaining style. The illustrations are lovely. My kids all enjoyed it, from my second grader to my high schoolers, although the intended audience is probably about kindergarten through sixth grade.

This book is an old book and is written very connected to the year it was published. For example, it says "100 years ago" which is now 120+ years ago. It makes some calculations off, but it has still been very interesting to my kids talking about what life was like around the beginning of the 20th century.

My granddaughter loves to read. After she and her older brother were asking questions about "The Olden Days", (which, by the way, he thought might be sometime around 1980) I thought this might satisfy their curiosity. It gives a fairly good idea of life 100 years ago but I think it does not go far enough in giving a clear picture of how much harder times were back then - not only for adults but for children who often went to work at extremely young ages.

I bought this book thinking that it was a book about how life would be 100 years ago for kids but it was all about the poor and wealthy adults in New York City. I guess I was looking for more of middle class or farm life... I was really disappointed.

Before reading to your children, I recommend that you sit down with your children and explain that rich people are not mean like they are portrayed to be in this book. I'm not rich, but I don't despise people that have more money than me, and I recognize the good things they do. It does a lot of comparison of what it was like to be rich and poor in that era, but there is definitely a negative connotation (really more like hate) towards the rich. Since we already purchased it, we simply read it and omitted the more hateful comments. I recommend finding another book.

I bought it for my 9-year-old granddaughter after I visited the tenements in New York. She is a good reader, but I thought the pictures were so good that they would help her understand the subject better. She liked the book, and said her teacher has a lot of others by the same author. I think it makes the reader understand and feel like he is actually there, in words that a kid can understand and experiences they can relate to.

A great series that is getting my 5 yr old interested in history. Well done. I think we will get more from this series.

We gave this to my Daughter-in-law's 100 year old grandmother. It will give her great grandchildren an idea of what life was like for her.

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