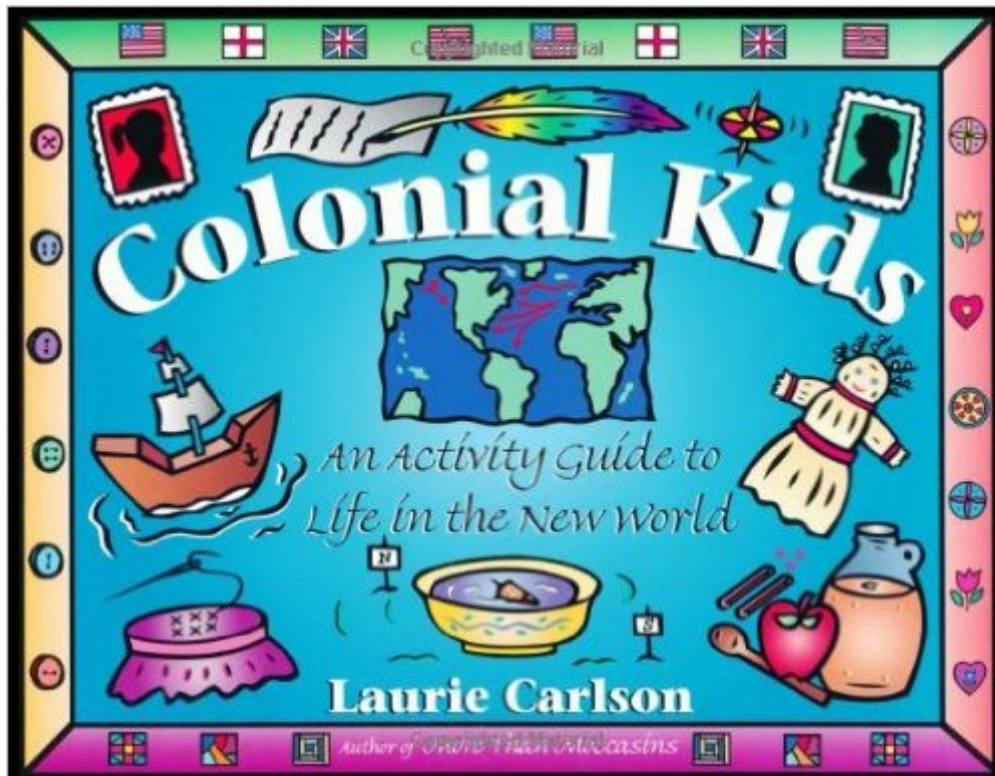


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# Colonial Kids: An Activity Guide To Life In The New World (Hands-On History)



## Synopsis

Young adventurers can learn about the settling of America while enjoying activities like stitching a sampler, pitching horseshoes, making an almanac, churning butter, and more.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

While there is no doubt to the value of Carlson's books, I have been slightly disappointed with some of the authenticity. ( Example: New World Cocoa Mix is made with nondairy creamer and powered chocolate drink mix--like Quik. These are not items EVER found in colonial times so the "recreation" of the drink is not much of a learning experience) Try David C King's American Kids in History series (Colonial Days) for a more realistic items.

This is a wonderful book to use with a unit on colonial life. I teach second grade and found the activities easy to understand, with a minimal amount of preparation needed. There are so many activities that you can pick from with everything from games to food covered. Everything is well-organized in a way that makes sense for lesson preparation. The activities are easily adapted to fit the needs of all elementary grade levels. For parents wishing to enrich their children's lives, I highly recommend this book---especially if you are planning a trip to Colonial Williamsburg or

Plymouth Plantation.

I teach pre-school and was able to build an entire unit with this book. So did the art teacher!!! Very interesting and easy to use recipes and crafts. I am craft "challenged" and was able to complete them, so this book is not advanced. Great for homeschooling and involved Moms. This book is easy to read. Includes a historical timeline in the beginning of the book, along with facts about the colonial times. Informative and fun.

There is enough good material in the text to make this the basis for your child's learning about Colonial times in North America. Maps, religious and political context, and a timeline set the scene for the book. The crafts include stenciling, making butter, making clothing (mostly with glue), lots of recipes, candles, weaving, planting corn and beans (this works), making a book cover (we used suede from the fabric store and the project worked GREAT), decoupage, paper quilling -- all very doable WITHOUT MUCH HELP FROM MOM. I think that's important. This book includes lots of games, too. It's a fun, inventive book that lets kids create.

My son got this book for Christmas and he read it cover to cover. He loves it! He wants to make EVERY project, so of course I have to make sure we have all the necessary parts then supervise the project. At first I was annoyed at having to be so involved, but then I realized that my thinking was flawed and these projects were giving me some more quality time with my son. And besides just being fun, making these projects are educational and gave me a chance to share my love of American history with my child. They grow up too fast, but this book will give you opportunities to slow down and make some memories while making some pretty fun colonial projects. I recommend this book.

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