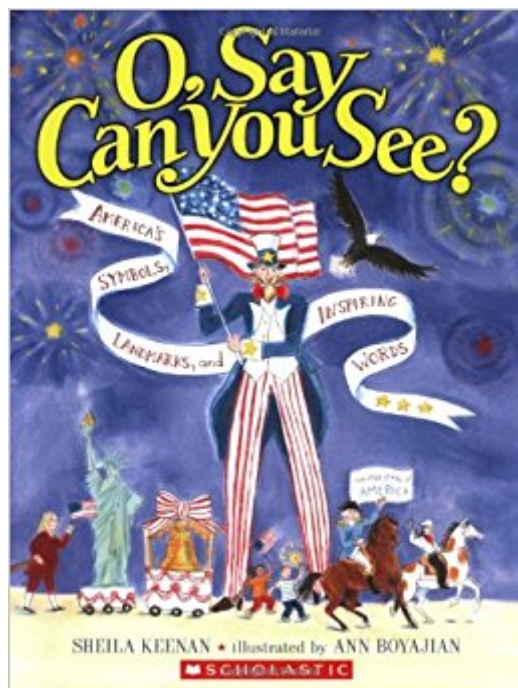




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# O, Say Can You See? America's Symbols, Landmarks, And Important Words



## Synopsis

This picture book celebrates and explains America's symbols, landmarks, and important words in lively, brief text and bright, humorous illustrations. There are stars-and-stripes T-shirts. There are Statue of Liberty pencil sharpeners and Uncle Sam Halloween costumes. Patriotic symbols are everywhere...but where do they come from? What do they mean? Now in paperback, this celebration of twenty of America's important places, interesting objects, and inspiring words is for the youngest Americans. Including Plymouth Rock, the White House, the flag, the bald eagle, and many more, this book draws kids in with its big, two-page spreads and fun, bright pastels and satisfies their curiosities about America's most prominent symbols.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-5 "From Independence Hall to Uncle Sam, this colorful book presents a mostly lighthearted look at familiar symbols of the United States, describing places, objects, treatises, and American holidays. Most of the subjects are given double-page treatments. Featuring soft edges and textured shading, the pastel and colored-pencil illustrations highlight details presented in the narrative. For example, a man is shown chiseling souvenir pieces from Plymouth Rock while his companion catches the bits in her apron. Asides help move the text along, as when a "Ding-dong THUNK!!" is heard when the Liberty Bell is rung with an off-key sound. Cool factoids are the rule here as well (e.g., on Mount Rushmore, Washington's nose is 20 feet long). The section on the Pledge of Allegiance mentions the "Under God" controversy. Myths are dispelled: "There is no proof

that George Washington asked Betsy Ross to sew the first [flag]." While most descriptions are lengthy and contain enough detail for reports, the holidays are dismissed in single paragraphs. On the final page, the World Trade Center is described as a national symbol, because remembering "lets us turn an act of hate into a symbol of hope." The list for further reading is current, with most titles written after 2000. More in-depth and upbeat than Delno C. and Jean M. West's *Uncle Sam and Old Glory* (Atheneum, 2000), Keenan's title is a fine choice for libraries. "Anne Chapman Callaghan, Racine Public Library, WI Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 2-5. Keenan recounts the history of 9 patriotic U.S. holidays and 19 symbolic places, objects, and inspiring phrases. Ranging from Plymouth Rock and the bald eagle to the Pledge of Allegiance and Veteran's Day, Keenan offers basic information and fascinating trivia: who knew, for example, that the original Uncle Sam was a meat packer from New York who supplied the government with food during the War of 1812? Boyajian's attractive, pastel-and-colored pencil artwork appears on every page, providing clarification for the text and humor when appropriate. Most topics are covered in one double-page spread, but more space is devoted to complex symbols such as the White House, the Statue of Liberty, the American flag, and the Declaration of Independence. This roundup of Americana is a natural choice for primary-school civics units and students of English as a Second Language; it belongs in every school and public library. A glossary and a bibliography, and note on symbolism of 9/11 are appended. Kay Weisman Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I bought this for my 6 year old grandson who is learning about American symbols. He is really enjoying it and carries it around in his backpack.

Great children's book

Good copy! Arrived quickly.

In my classroom I did a lesson on people, symbols and landmarks of the USA...well needless to say this book more than complemented the lessons for my class. Love the book and glad I purchased it.

Granddaughter ;loves it

The pictures in this book I have used over and over to teach my preKs about America.

HE LIKED THIS TOO.

I gave this product to my mom, who first found it on a library and did not want to let go of it. She reads it over and over (she is from Mexico) and loves learning in an easy vocabulary the history of USA. She will also probably use it this year to study for her citizenship test.

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