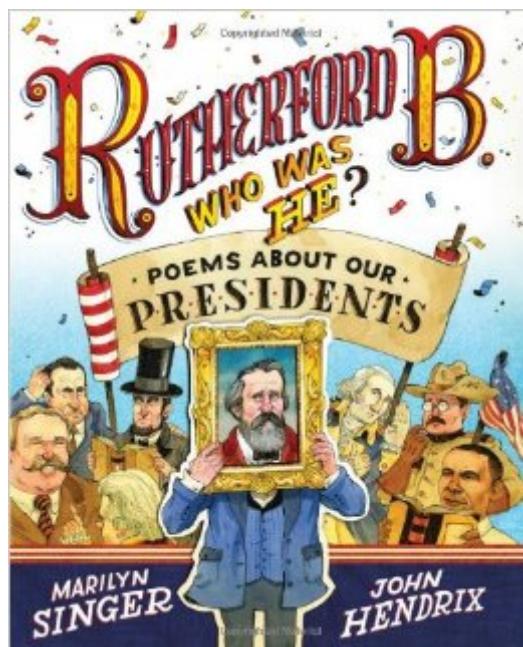


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There is a brief moment of doubt when you first cast eyes upon the title of this book. It's partly the design of the cover, I suppose. Your eye immediately alights on the words "Rutherford B., Who Was He?" and you find yourself thinking, "Is this some kind of lushly illustrated picture book biography of Rutherford B. Hayes? Thankfully, no. An overwhelming sense of relief consumes you as your eyes alight on the subtitle, "Poems About Our Presidents." Whew! Not to say a Hayes picture book bio couldn't exist, but to read it, even if it was brilliance on a page, would feel like the dullest kind of homework. Singer's latest title, however, is anything but boring. A visually explosive mixture of fact and verse, this may not be the first presidential poetry collection for kids out there, but by gum it's the best. Our presidents. Who the heck were they? What was their deal? Were they villains or heroes? Memorable or forgettable? Did they serve out their term or die in

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