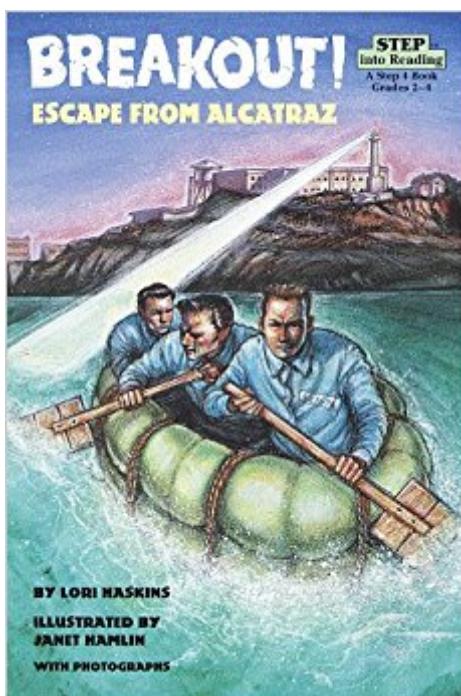


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# Breakout! Escape From Alcatraz (Step Into Reading)



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Grandson loves this non-fiction story

Great book!

I was previewing this book for my 2nd grade classroom and became completely enthralled in it! It's a great adventure/mystery story sure to capture the attention of any child who likes action and suspense! It creates great imagery of Alcatraz and leaves the reader with an eerie feeling of not knowing whether these men made it or drowned in the bay. It's definitely one of my students' favorites in the classroom.

This book outlines in vivid historical detail the legendary escape of three men from the most inescapable prison in U.S. history. The book also explains a brief history of the island of Alcatraz in addition to a brief account of its final days. One of the major themes of this book is that not everyone will be shut up. Out of every prison, or every situation, there is a way out, and there is an escape if one is only willing to take the risks. Along with colorful illustrations which tell a story by themselves and photographs which provide historically accurate detail, the book also tells an exciting though quite short, true story about the legendary island of Alcatraz. The text is not overrun with needless detail nor is it too general. What I liked best is that by the end of the book, the reader feels as if he or she has just been given a tour of the island prison.

This book is a great read for people of all ages. Whether you're interested in learning more about "The Rock" or need some background information on it, this is the one book for you. From the colorful pictures scattered throughout the pages to the easy to read layout, you will find yourself immersed in the horrific atmosphere that is Alcatraz. Few books manage to capture so many elements that make a book successful like *Breakout! Escape From Alcatraz* does. I guarantee you will feel as if you've actually walked through Alcatraz and know exactly why they call it, "The Rock".

I think *Escape From Alcatraz Island* was a great book because it had a lot of adventure, and I could picture in my mind what was going on. Also I think it must have been really hard getting chased by a gang through San Francisco near the dwarfs pier, I could probably imagine what it was like locked up in a cell at night in Alcatraz, having to find a way to get back home during the morning.

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