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# I Pledge Allegiance



## Synopsis

"Finally, here's a picture book that helps young children move beyond rote recitation of the Pledge to find meaning in its language. This is the book parents and teachers have been waiting for." — BOOKLIST (starred review) "I led a pigeon to the flag" . . . "and to the wee puppet" . . . "onation, and a vegetable" . . . What was that again? Children in the United States have been reciting the Pledge of Allegiance since 1892 — and for about that long, they've found its big words confusing. Now, beloved children's book author Bill Martin Jr (BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?), fellow literacy expert Michael Sampson, and Caldecott Honor-Â-winning artist Chris Raschka give America's children a hand, and explain this patriotic poem once and for all. A new paperback edition offers notes and suggested activities to help parents and teachers make this book even more interesting to and fun for children.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

I Pledge Allegiance is a wonderful children's book that breaks down the thirty-one words in our pledge into seventeen words and phrases that are described in a language accessible to both adults and young children. Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson simply define abstract words such as "pledge," "republic," "nation," and "indivisible." They also give historical facts about our flag, the author of the Pledge of Allegiance, and Christopher Columbus' discovery of America. Furthermore,

this book includes not so familiar facts about our country such as what the colors of our flag represent. Another great aspect of this book is that it teaches the four rules to follow while saying the Pledge of Allegiance: stand up straight, look at the American flag, place your right hand over your heart, and take off your hat or cap (if you have one) and place it over your heart. This is especially beneficial to Kindergarteners learning to say the pledge each day at school. I Pledge Allegiance can be used with students as early as five years old and older students can refer back to it from time to time to identify our American values and brief history. In addition to the simple wording, the vivid and energetic illustrations by Chris Raschka help attract young readers. Using only eight basic colors, Raschka creates abstract ink lines and torn paper shapes that enhance the meaning of each word or phrase described on the page. The only negative critique I would have about this book would be the fact that it is not completely accurate in its citing of Francis Bellamy as the author of the pledge.

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