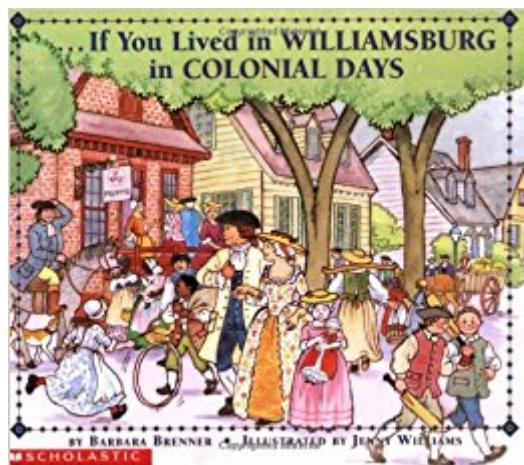


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# If You Lived In Williamsburg In Colonial Days



## **Synopsis**

Through a simple question-and-answer format and lush illustrations, readers go back to the early 1770s and learn what life in the busy colony outpost was like.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

A DIFFERENT TIME . . . A DIFFERENT PLACE . . . WHAT IF YOU WERE THERE?More than two hundred years ago, two thousand people lived in the town of Williamsburg, Virginia.If you lived back then-- What would your house look like?-- What games and sports would you play?-- Would you go to school?-- What happened when you were sick or hurt?This book tells you what it was like to grow up in colonial days, before there was a United States of America.

Barbara Brenner's curiosity about the world ranges far and wide. Her interests are reflected in the wide scope of her quality fiction and nonfiction. Some of her best-selling titles include "Wagon Wheels" and "Voices: Poetry and Art from Around the World, " which was an ALA Notable Book for Children and an ALA Best Book for Young Adults. "One Small Place in a Tree" is a companion book

to the striking "One Small Place by the Sea. "Barbara Brenner lives with her husband, artist Fred Brenner, in Hawley, Pennsylvania.

I really love this series of books, and this one is no exception. They make it very interesting for the child (and parent!) to read and give lots of good info. Many times I will learn something new myself! For those teaching in a "classical" approach, I highly recommend these books. But I would suggest reading them first to make sure there are no things contrary to what you want to get across to the student; or discussing the book with your child (even better!). In this book, I came across a few things that may or may not be an issue for you. First, they made it out as if women had JOBS back then... as if they were the same as the men's jobs. I don't think that is quite an accurate representation of how it was... yes, the women did chores, helped with animals, farming, etc... but essentially they were almost always housewives. I wish they had touched on that a bit better instead of fudging the lines there. Second, they talked about children not sassing their parents and doing what they were asked as if it was PAST tense. Maybe my kids are odd in that regard (maybe because they are still young! LOL), but mine don't really talk back to me, so I didn't appreciate them making it out as if that was odd or something. And of course children still do what parents ask of them. They may fight it, but a grounded kid is a grounded kid, right? :) The general expectation in even today's society is that kids generally are to do what they parents ask, so it was odd the way they portrayed it. Third, they very much did the same thing with spanking for misbehaving. Now, I understand that this is a very controversial subject, but the book said that "back then, parents still believed that it was okay to spank or paddle". Okay, fair enough... true. But some parents think the same thing nowadays, and the way they spent a whole paragraph on it, insinuating that parents wouldn't do such a ridiculous thing today is not at all an accurate portrayal... last I heard, some parents STILL do this today, even if it's not as commonplace as it once was. They did the same with midwives and doctors, and I know some people who have done home births so if you have energy on this... Obviously these are minor things that you can discuss to give a bit better historical perspective rather than the one that the book portrayed, just wanted to give a heads up of a few areas that in my mind, weren't quite accurately portrayed (which is unusual for this series). I don't really have an issue with the book and am happily passing it on to my children, but I am aware that others may very well have a huge amount of energy on them, so I wanted to give a heads up. Really great series overall, and highly recommend!

This is a great book to read with children and introduce them to colonial history. Colorful illustrations

support pages of rich content that are easy to read and understand. Best of all, it is based on Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia, and if you live close enough, you can top the reading off with a visit! If you live too far away, this is the next best avenue to learn about the town via armchair traveling! Kids will want to read it again and again.

I purchased this for the grandchildren before we visited Williamsburg. They read a section each day and reported back to me one fact they learned from that day's reading. It was a hit, as it contained some "fun" facts and the boys pointed things out they had learned from the book as we toured Williamsburg! Great for early elementary age students.

As a part-time re-enactor I really appreciate this book. Great teaching tool!

My 4th grader loves history and really enjoys reading all of these books. They're interesting for both kids and adults.

this book was for my grandson , he loves to read, and he said grandma i like that book williamburg in colonial days he said he read it all time and he said he learns from it and it's a very good book thank you.

Good overview for a young child..nice illustrations!

My 8yr old daughter has begged for this book after seeing it in her classroom at school. Even though we have visited Williamsburg extensively on many occasions, she is still eager to pick up this book. So glad to have our own copy now!

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