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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 1–3—From Houdini's humble beginnings to international superstardom, this picture-book biography presents the highlights of the magician's life. Deeply hued illustrations, heavy with red and black tones, are well suited to the subject and give the text added drama and depth. Careful research is reflected in the quotations that are fully attributed and an authors' note describing historical discrepancies that exist with regard to Houdini's background. Events are detailed in a straightforward, mostly chronological arrangement that makes the book easy to follow for beginning readers. Kathleen Krull's *Houdini* (Walker, 2007), also a picture-book biography but written for slightly older children, is more successful in capturing Houdini's unique spirit and personal oddities.—*Lucinda Snyder Whitehurst, St. Christopher's School, Richmond, VA*
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Review

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About the Author

David A. Adler is the celebrated author of more than two hundred books for children. His books have received many honors, including the Sydney Taylor Book Award, *Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book*, a Golden Kite Honor Book, and a NCTE Orbis Pictus Award Honor Book. He lives in the New York City metropolitan area.

David A. Adler and Michael S. Adler have collaborated on several books in the Picture Book Biography series. *A Picture Book of John* and *Abigail Adams* was called "impressive" by *Kirkus Reviews*. Both authors live in New York State.

Matt Collins has illustrated many children's books. *Booklist* called his illustrations for *A Picture Book of Harry Houdini* "dramatic." He lives in Connecticut.

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