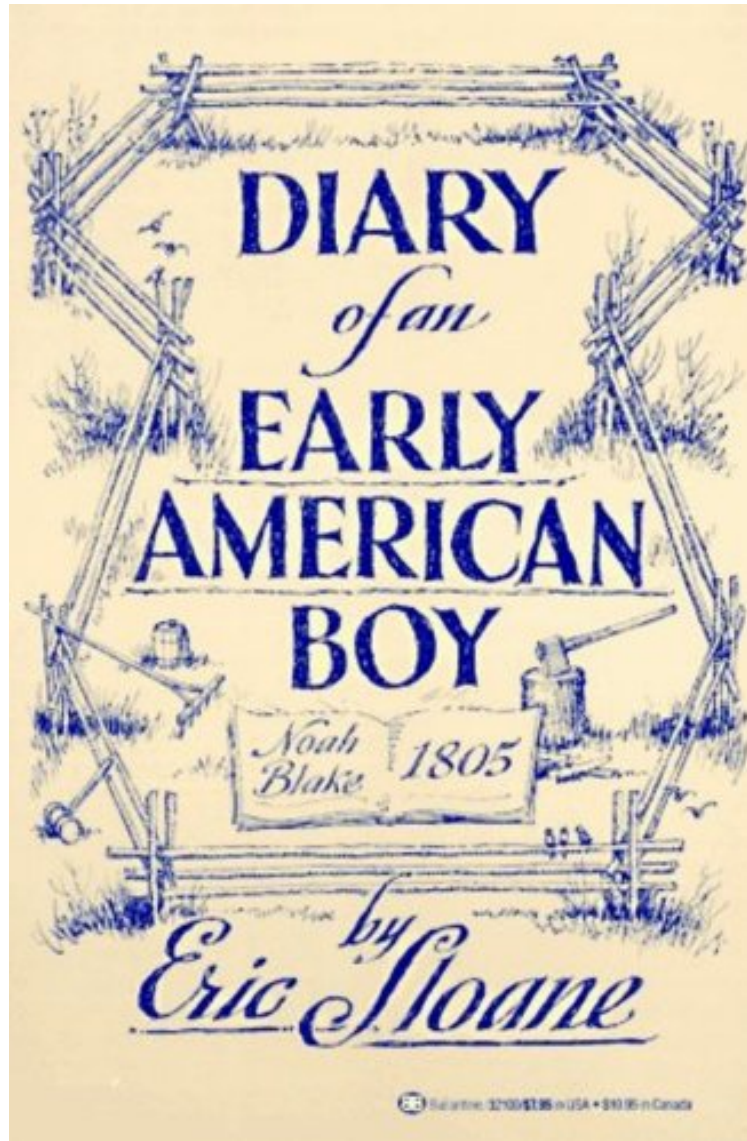


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Eric Sloane : Diary of an Early American Boy before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Diary of an Early American Boy:

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Not really a diaryBy Lousy CookLike the previous reviewer, this book was not what I was expecting. Thinking that most teenage boys hundreds of years ago are just like teenage boys today, I was very surprised to find a published diary of a kid who was willing to write down his thoughts on life. With many entries consisting entirely of one or two words like "Plowed today." and "Do." (ditto), this book does little to offer the reader insight into the thoughts of this boy. The diary portion of the book is disappointing, and is used as a

jumping off point for the author to explain in words and pictures about the technology of the early 19th century. The explanations are fascinating, the technology amazing. Anyone who has ever thought about how the pyramids could have been built by thousands of slaves should take a gander at how a covered bridge (that could hold the weight of oxen and a cart and it's load and driver) was constructed by a few neighborhood farmers. The illustrations are the backbone of this book and they are excellent. I wish the author would strike a deal with the publishers of Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" series to draw and explain the machinery described in those books. I would recommend this book as a gift for anyone, kid or adult, who is interested in architecture or engineering, or who loves history. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Best eaten in small bites By D. Malament Diary of an Early American Boy is a very informative book. It is listed for use with Sonlight Curriculum's 4th Grade Science program. My 4th grader had trouble tolerating it. (Each child is different.) For my next child, I waited and will do this "4th Grade Science" program with him in his 5th grade year. I think it will be a good fit. The book is best read aloud to this age level (10-11 years old), and in small increments. It is rich with content, and the illustrations are excellent. It is a sit together and savor the pictures kind of book, not a book to rush through. It is a go outside together and try to recreate the described invention kind of book. It is not to be rushed through, that would gain you little. Buy, savor, but if you are in a hurry, don't bother. I don't think most kids will pick this book up on their own without prompting. The excellent illustrations are, nevertheless, black and white (or brown and white), and many children aren't drawn to these less stunning types of art. Hope that helps! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By C. Abel Timeless illustrations.

Eric Sloane's illustrated rewrite of a diary written by Noah Blake, a boy who lived in 1805, brings us face-to-face with the highest forms of craftsmanship in the early 1800s. Nail making, bridge building, shingle splitting: it's all here in a remarkable book full of detailed illustrations!

From the Inside Flap Part the diary of Noah Blake, who was 15 in 1805, and part a re-creation of the life that a boy in his circumstances would have lived, this book is a loving tribute to a vanished way of life. Profusely illustrated, it will give its readers a sense of participation in the past that is all too rare in conventional histories.