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The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman



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Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

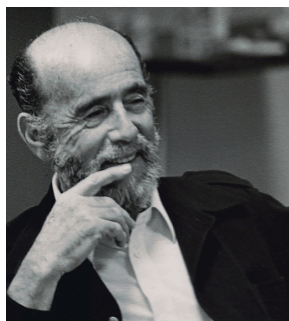
A Prince and a Pauper . . . Prince Brat and his whipping boy inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws. The two boys have nothing in common and even less reason to like each other. But when they find themselves taken hostage after running away, they are left with no choice but to trust each other. "A rollicking tale of adventure and mistaken identity . . . Robust scenes and characters are vividly evoked."—Kirkus Reviews

This briskly told tale of high adventure, taut with suspense and rich with colorful characters, was named an ALA Notable Book. Sid Fleischman's celebrated novel features brief, action-packed chapters and includes black-and-white illustrations by Caldecott Honor artist Peter Sís. "An 18th century tale about the escapades of a resourceful orphan and a spoiled young prince. . . Full of adventure, suspense, humor, and lively characters."—The New York Times

Newbery Award Winner!

Who Wrote It?

Born in Brooklyn, he grew up in San Diego during the Great Depression and decided in the fifth grade to become a magician. He practiced so diligently with cards, coins, and the occasional rabbit that shortly after high school he was traveling the country as a performing magician. Magic's suspense and surprises would stamp his future books. After serving in World War II with the U.S. Naval Reserve, he finished college and worked as a reporter on the San Diego Daily Journal. When the paper folded in 1950, he turned to writing fiction. At first he wrote screenplays for movies, one of which even starred the famous John Wayne and Lauren Bacall.



His children led him into writing for the young. His ideas came from history and folklore. Sid passed away in 2010. You can learn more about Sid here:
<http://www.sidfleischman.com/>

AR Reading Level: 3.9

Lexile Level: 570L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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