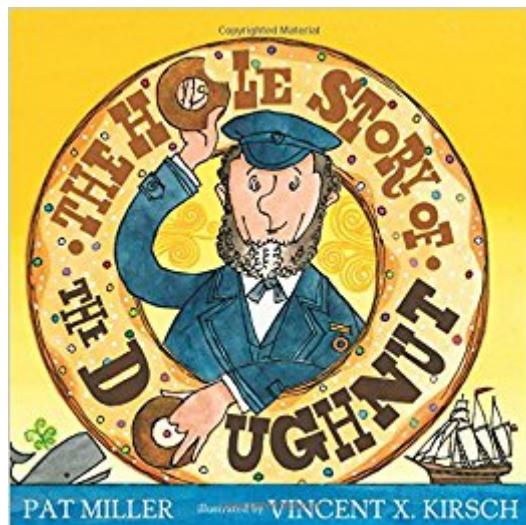


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# The Hole Story Of The Doughnut



## Synopsis

In 1843, fourteen-year-old Hanson Gregory left his family home in Rockport, Maine, and set sail as a cabin boy on the schooner Achorn, looking for high-stakes adventure on the high seas. Little did he know that a boatload of hungry sailors, coupled with his knack for creative problem-solving, would yield one of the world's most prized and beloved pastries. Lively and inventive cut-paper illustrations add a taste of whimsy to this sweet, fact-filled story that includes an extensive bibliography, author's note, and timeline.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3-This surprising account of the invention of the doughnut introduces readers to master mariner Hanson Crockett Gregory from Rockport, ME. As a young ship's cook in 1847, Gregory prepared the standard breakfast of balls of fried sweet dough. The sailors called them "sinkers" because although the dough fried up crisp and sweet around the edges, "their raw centers, heavy with grease, made them drop like cannonballs in the stomach." Gregory had a better idea and shaped a new batch by cutting holes in the center of each sinker and then frying them in boiling lard. The doughnut was born. Although Hanson went on to become a ship's captain and was awarded a medal for heroism for his actions at sea, his legacy is his delicious creation. This book relates some

of the many colorful legends that have surrounded the origins of this sweet treat over the years. The short, humorous text delivers facts that young children will appreciate, while keeping the interest of the more mature. Kirsch has admirably complemented the story with bright, cartoonlike illustrations that evoke the history and the humor of the tale. Clever "porthole," or "doughnut hole," borders frame each page. Whimsically, the artist has placed doughnuts throughout, from the endpapers, which include several varieties, to the back cover, which features an octopus holding a doughnut on each arm. VERDICT A lively offering for reading and sharing that will encourage the youngest of researchers to wonder and learn about other everyday items in their world.-Carole Phillips, Greenacres Elementary School, Scarsdale, NY (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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What an interesting book! Pat Miller and Vincent X. Kirsch really aim to satisfy your curiosity about why doughnuts have holes in this historical picture book biography. The story is written in a way that parents and teachers can have fun with kids sorting through fact vs. fiction ("legend"). Don't skip the back matter, either - the children found this info fascinating, especially about how Dunkin' Donuts stepped in to help with the missing gravestone. I'd recommend this for grades 1 and up (ages 6-10). The entire first and second grade class loved it, and it sparked further questions and investigations— which is the best kind of book, in my opinion!

Loved this for the historical perspective-- thought this would make a great oral book report for elementary grades-- a great way to teach history and make it interesting!!! My 6 and 9 year old granddaughters loved it---and wanted to eat doughnuts!!!!!!

High quality nonfiction story of a question most of us have never considered. My granddaughter loved this story.

My 10 yr old grandson loved it . I challenged him to read some nonfiction books and got him this one to kick it off.

All the teachers and second grade students loved it. It inspired some to write their own donut story.

This is a great book. I gave one each to a 4 and 5 year old and they loved it.

Good book

What a fun topic! I'd never heard this story before, so the image on the cover had me scratching my head trying to figure out what a sea captain had to do with doughnuts. Answer: everything! This is a fascinating story of a young man who saw a problem and found a solution. The use of round shapes on the interior illustrations cleverly tied the doughnut theme to the sea theme, and the entire story is told and illustrated with wit and enthusiasm. THE HOLE STORY OF THE DOUGHNUT is an excellent biography for someone who made life better for the seamen of his time and made a lasting contribution to the fun part of our diet!

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