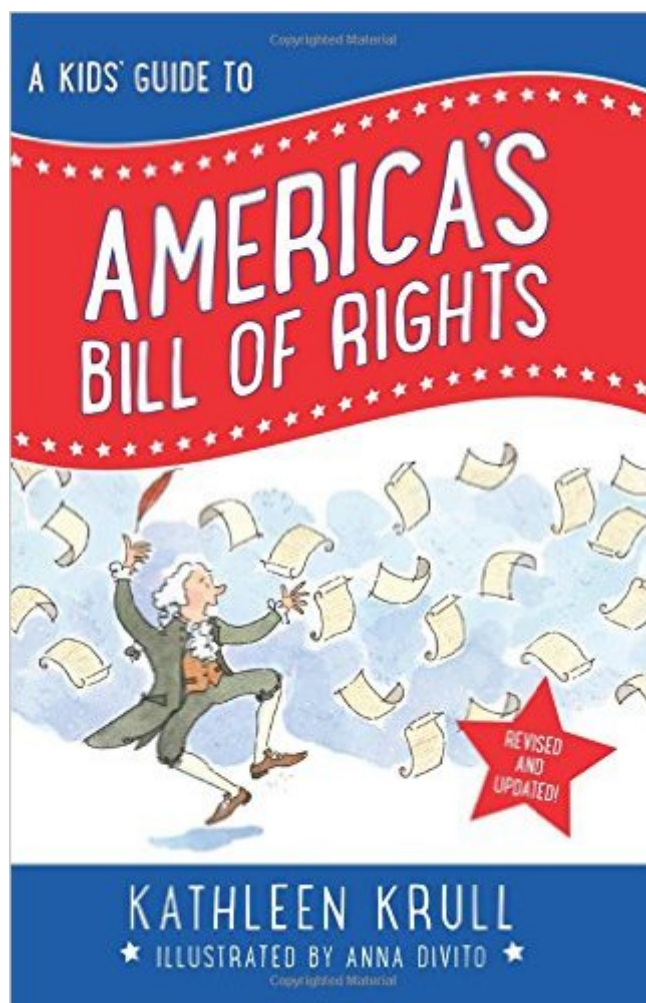


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First, before you read this book, go get the Dave Marsh classic "50 Ways to Fight Censorship and Important Facts about the Censors." It is referenced so many times in this short little book that you will want to have it on hand. Now then. Kathleen Krull is not an advocate for the original interpretation of the Constitution. If you know that going in, then you'll be able to filter out her bias as you read. Even as a "living document" type of writer, this book is not all that it could be. Facts are wrong, often blatantly wrong, and the writing is condescending to middle school readers. First, some

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