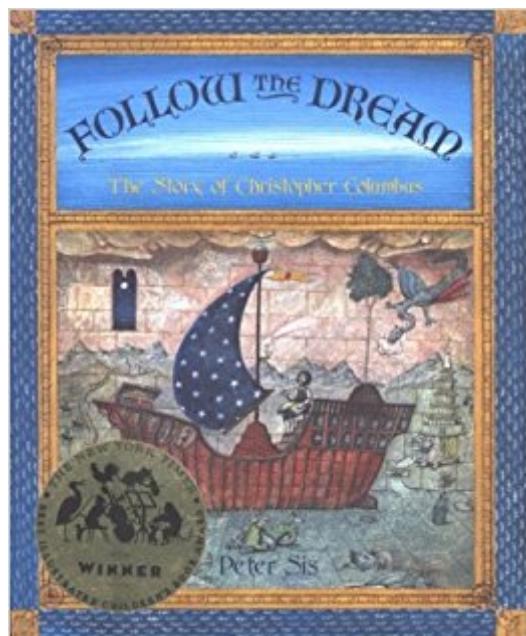


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# Follow The Dream: The Story Of Christopher Columbus



## **Synopsis**

Illus. in full color. The 15th century comes alive in this splendidly original picture book about Christopher Columbus. "The illustrations, executed in a variety of media, show scenes from the explorer's life as well as some imaginary creatures that populated the Europeans' picture of the outside world at that time. The details on each page invite individual readers to pay close attention, but the brief, clear text and framed illustrations lend themselves equally well to group sharing. Make room on your crowded Columbus shelf for this one."--(starred) School Library Journal. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Portraying Columbus from his boyhood to his first landing in the Americas, Sis's ( Waving ; Alphabet Soup ) account is straightforward but somewhat flat. Though his minimal text often reads like a rushed summary, his artwork is extraordinary. With their rich, earthy hues, fine cross-hatching and, in many instances, the semblance of parchment or aged oils, these illustrations recall the maps, charts and paintings of Columbus's own era. Sis is especially adept at evoking the life of the mind and suggesting bridges between reality and imagination. In one particularly striking scene, the child Columbus, charged with weaving a bolt of cloth, imagines a world where the loom is his ship and the star-studded cloth his sail; in another, the monsters of the deep are depicted as they might be

envisioned by the fearful men sailing west for the first time. Ages 5-10. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 2-4--A fascinating artistic representation of the discovery of the New World. In a preface, Sis makes reference to Columbus escaping the walls of fear and ignorance that encompassed 15th-century Europe and uses that motif freely throughout--as a curtain framing a view of Genoa, a background for pictures of Columbus's early life, and in an endpaper map of Europe surrounded by a wall. The illustrations, executed in a variety of media--oil, ink, watercolor, and gouache--show scenes from the explorer's life as well as some of the many imaginary creatures that populated the Europeans' picture of the outside world at that time. Sis uses colors ranging from drab browns and grays, to a rose-colored sky that is a background for the king and queen of Spain, and deep blues and greens for the ocean. A double-page medieval-style map is bordered with important dates and small pictures representing those dates, while another double page shows many postage-stamp-size representations of the sea as described in Columbus's log. The many details on each page invite individual readers to pay close attention, but the brief, clear text and framed illustrations lend themselves equally well to group sharing. Make room on your crowded Columbus shelf for this one.-Jean H. Zimmerman, Willett School, South River, NJCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

The pictures in this story are stunning! I have over 700 children's books and this is one of the best illustrated. The story was good too. It told the life of Columbus in an understandable way for my kindergarten class.

Another wonderful book by Sis. The illustrations are awesome. There is not a lot of text, so a beginning reader can easily read it.

I LOVE Petr Sis's books - he is a wonderful artist and I have all of his books I can get :)

This book is a wonderful intro to Columbus. Its abundance of beautiful color pictures in an "old" style are accompanied in a simple but informative text. This is a great story to read to a 4 or 5 year old. What a great way to make this story attractive and retainable to a young child.

Good for a thematic unit.

Everyone, ages 3 to dead, will be swept away by the amazing illustrations in this brief but powerful book about Columbus. The illustrations knock my socks off. This book is a treasure.

I had my hesitations buying this book because I couldn't look inside and I was worried that it would be too complex for my 5 year old. It is very simple to read ~ not too many words on each page but lots of cool and beautiful illustrations that explain the story well. I was looking for something to explain the meaning of Columbus Day and who Columbus was and this is an excellent book for that. It takes you through his childhood up until after he finds new land. We are very happy with this book.

A nice introductory book about Christopher Columbus and the struggles he endured to fulfill his dreams of exploration. Follow the Dream is written with an easy to follow narrative and detailed illustrations that readers will enjoy getting lost in. I really liked learning about Columbus' fears of a mutinous crew and his false doctoring of distance traveled to calm the anxious ship hands.

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