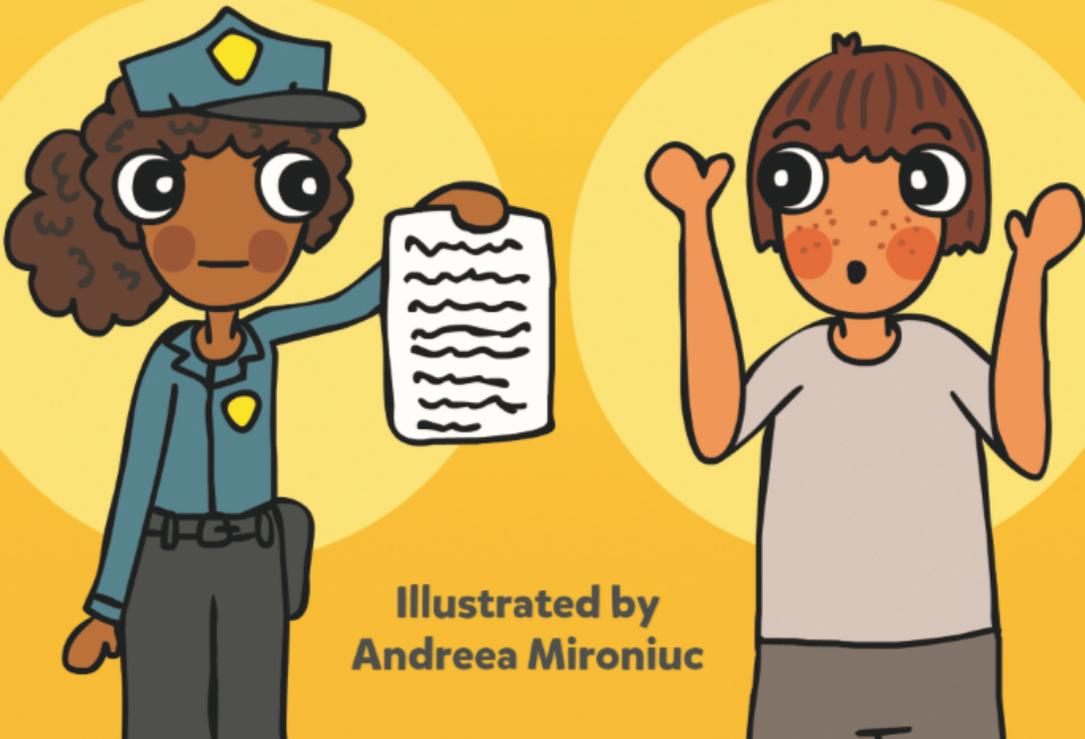


# I Know My Rights

**A Children's Guide  
to the Bill of Rights and  
Individual Liberty**

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## **Bringing Civics and Law to Parents and Young Children**

New Civics Children's Book Series Now Available

In 2017, The Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania released a study regarding American adult's general knowledge of civics and law. Thirty-seven percent of respondents could not name a single right protected under the First Amendment.

*I Know My Rights: A Children's Guide to the Bill of Rights and Individual Liberty* aims to correct this issue by bringing civics and law directly to parents and young children.

"It's important to know the law itself, not just the basic meaning or its history. I think young children, especially elementary and middle school children, will enjoy and benefit from this book, from the illustrations to the text and the new knowledge that they are receiving." - Rory Margraf, Author of *I Know My Rights: A Children's Guide to the Bill of Rights and Individual Liberty*

"Clearly, there is a crisis in American civic education and a disturbing lack of understanding of individual liberty. Author Rory Margraf wanted to address this problem by creating an accessible, colorful children's book that easily explains the Bill of Rights and the principles of liberty to kids." - Kerry McDonald, Senior Education Fellow, Foundation for Economic Education

Rory Margraf is a writer from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Birthplace of Liberty. His work has been featured with the Freedom Today Network, Speak Freely, Being Libertarian, Think Liberty, and the Foundation for Economic Education. In May of 2019, he joined Porter Medium as an opinion writer, contributing a Libertarian perspective on current events and national issues. His writing focuses on individual rights, peaceful dissidence, and American and Irish politics. He currently resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

*I Know My Rights: A Children's Guide to the Bill of Rights and Individual Liberty* is the first in an upcoming series designed to educate young children on American laws, government, and the foundational philosophies supporting individual liberty.

The original text of the law is presented, and each clause contained in each amendment is broken down with accessible examples and illustrations while introducing the concepts of voluntaryism and self-ownership.

*I Know My Rights: A Children's Guide to the Bill of Rights and Individual Liberty* is available now for review; contact Rory Margraf for a full media kit and press copy.

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## ABOUT



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# BOOK INFO

## SALES INFO

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## SYNOPSIS

*I Know My Rights: A Children's Guide to the Bill of Rights and Individual Liberty* presents the original text of the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution, coupled with an accessible and detailed explanation for each law, based in recent case law and scholarly interpretation. In addition to providing a basic understanding of the Bill of Rights, *I Know My Rights* also introduces the fundamental concepts of voluntaryism and self-ownership, with the intention of creating a foundation upon which each child can learn from and grow into active, peaceful, and prosperous individuals who seek personal fulfillment and happiness within their own lives and their communities.

## REVIEWS

"*I Know My Rights* is a profound and informative book about a fascinating topic that needs to be discussed more, and I have to admit that *I Know My Rights*, written by the talented Rory Margraf, is one of the best books on the subject on the market today. You may be thinking, "how can a book about law be entertaining?!" but trust me book lovers when I write that it is a superb book that is full of many intriguing facts that will make children, and even adults feel pure enjoyment." - Red Headed Book Lover

"As a parent who loves America and wants to pass on its blessings to the next generation, I am so thankful our family found this book. It is a great tool to help talk and educate your children in a way I am sure they will understand. You will be glad you did!" - My Four and More

"*I Know My Rights* is a must read for children and adults, as well. Therefore, Artisan Book Reviews is very confident in recommending *I Know My Rights* by Rory Margraf to all readers, citizens and especially for children and teens. It is a remarkable, interesting and notable book. It is short and satisfying. Get your child, or yourself, a copy and learn about the Bill of Rights, your liberty and the law in an enjoyable, quick and easy way." - Artisan Book Reviews

## FAQs

### **WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WRITE "I KNOW MY RIGHTS?"**

When I was sixteen, I was stopped by the authorities at the public library in San Clemente, CA, where I was an employee at the time; someone had started a small fire in the men's restroom. I was questioned about my presence at the library and any involvement with the fire, which included emptying my pockets on request. I complied with the entire process. Afterward, I explained what happened to my mom, who then went on to explain due process to me and the importance of asserting our rights, especially as children. In 2018, I told this story in an article with the Foundation for Economic Education and saw how many readers were shocked at my lack of knowledge at sixteen. In my research afterward, I found that the majority of Americans don't know their rights protected by the Constitution. There is a significant gap in civics education in our country. Children who learn their rights and the law at an early age are more likely to become peaceful and active adults. The idea for *I Know My Rights* was born the day the article came out and the first draft was written the next day.

### **WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE WITH THIS SERIES?**

The primary purpose of this series is to introduce young minds to the fundamental laws that make up the country itself. Starting with an understanding of our rights as individuals and how we may interact peacefully is the bedrock of liberty. From there, we can begin to look at the structure and proper functions of government. My hope is to create a generation of young persons that are well versed in the functions of the law and feel certain when asserting their rights, while also understanding that our rights apply to all people. Respecting the rights of others, questioning authority, protecting our rights as future leaders; these are my wishes for the next generation.

### **WHY STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN?**

It has been long established that the Bill of Rights applies to children as well as it applies to adults, from *West Virginia State Board of Education v Barnette* to *Tinker v Des Moines Independent Community School District*, as well as a number of state cases. However, there is a lack of expectation for children to learn or assert their rights. Each child must be versed in our most fundamental laws in order to protect themselves. Not only does this keep them safe from overreaches of authority, but it will go a long way toward helping the youngest members of our communities become strong and independent individuals.

### **IS THE INTENTION OF THIS BOOK TO SIMPLY PRESENT AMERICAN HISTORY?**

Civics is a matter of law, not a matter of history. As such, *I Know My Rights* is geared more to the law itself and breaking down what rights are protected and what that means in our daily lives. History is an extremely important context for understanding the Bill of Rights, but it is not a substitute for the laws themselves.

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### **WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM YOUR NEXT BOOK?**

The next book in the series is due out later this year and will focus on the foundational principles of individual liberty, specifically dealing with voluntaryism, self-ownership, and mutual consent. I'm greatly looking forward to seeing the next book in print as it has been a joy to write.

### **OUT OF THE ENTIRE BILL OF RIGHTS, DO ANY OF THE AMENDMENTS HOLD PARTICULAR MEANING FOR YOU?**

As a writer, the First Amendment holds a particularly special place for me. To have my natural right to free expression, even if it is critical of authority, guaranteed under law is an enormous blessing that cannot be taken for granted. Speaking our minds is as natural as breathing and so we should speak as often as we can.

The Ninth Amendment also has great meaning for me. It not only limited government power with a broad sweep of the pen, but it also acknowledged that many rights exist that may not have been explicitly recognized by our founders. Liberty is not constrained to the Declaration or Constitution, but rather is an idea that permeates the very fabric of our existence. With that in mind, recognizing further rights and freedoms that haven't even been discussed yet was a masterstroke of yet untold revelations.