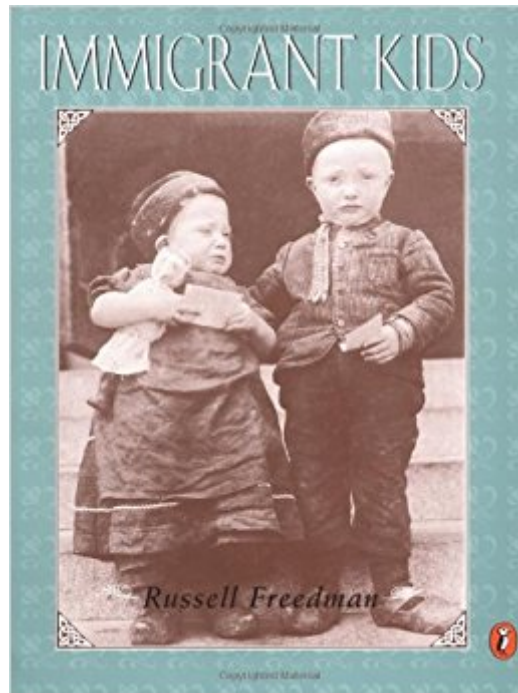


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# IMMIGRANT KIDS (PAPERBACK) 1995C PUFFIN



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America meant "freedom" to the immigrants of the early 1900sâ "but a freedom very different from what they expected.Â Cities were crowded and jobs were scare.Â Children had to work selling newspapers, delivering goods, and laboring sweatshops.Â In this touching book, Newberry Medalist Russell Freedman offers a rare glimpse of what it meant to be a young newcomer to America.

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REALLY EYE OPENING The conditions of that time amongst all immigrants from various places of Europe, were quite severe, crunched in small apartments, and water faucets were considered a luxury. It shows a picture of the earliest sells of soda on the streets of New York with a man wearing some kind of laboratory made bottle shaped container on his back, pouring it out to people who would buy it. It was considered a luxury item to drink and not many people could afford it. People made a living mending peoples coats and shoes, and selling newspapers just to get enough money to eat. Some guy would go around the block selling shards of ice off a huge block of it. I couldn't help but think with all the regulations today how anyone could ever go around on the streets hollering, "mend your coats!" "mend your shoes for a dollar or two!!" How can anyone have that "American

dream", with so many regulations, stipulations, in that of starting a business. I think of the health codes in place, and I have to agree with most of them and then I think why they were implemented in the first place. As money increased in some areas, in other areas, greed increased, and in another area, common sense decreased, along with the respect for human life. Quality flourished during this time of struggle, when immigrants competed to survive in the Big Apple. They wanted to be recognized for what they could do. Now a century later, quality isn't as important, as being able to convince the customer, in any way possible into giving all their money away. Then being recognized for quality was the prize, now it seems being recognized as being the smartest con-artist is the new 'in'.

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