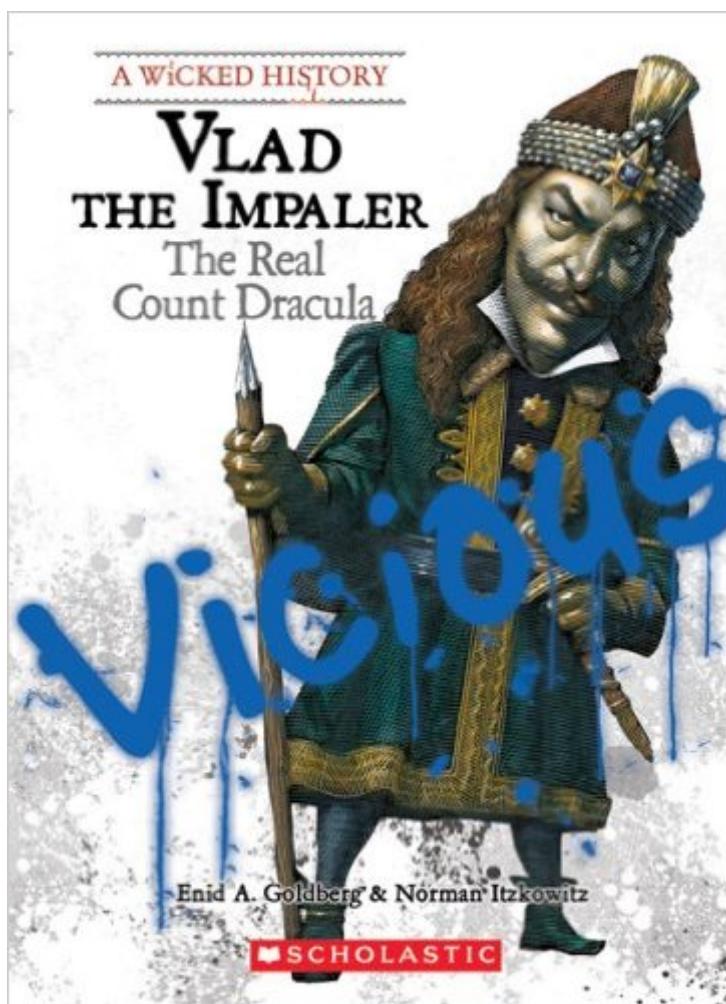


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# Vlad The Impaler: The Real Count Dracula (Wicked History (Paperback))



## **Synopsis**

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## **Book Information**

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Grade Level: 7 - 10

## **Customer Reviews**

A great compact, but comprehensive, biography of Vlad the Impaler. They do a great job of creating an overview that's historically accurate (yes, there are impalements and cruel punishments as diversion,) without being so wildly horrific as to be inappropriate for a young audience.

We are supposed to start our school day with 20 minutes of silent reading, and this is not an easy sell for 8th graders. I bought a couple of these books and the students actually fight over who gets to read them! I read the book myself and was deeply interested in spite of myself. I was impressed by the thoughtful and multifaceted presentation of the subject matter.

An easy read with many pictures and accepted facts (a few of which are questionable). Gives the basic life story of Vlad Dracula with several German sources quoted (several of which were admittedly documented many years after the fact). If studying Dracula this book alone should not be used as a single source to "uncover" the truth, but over all a quick and good read.

A good short (125 pages) book on the life of Vlad the Impaler. This is good for Grades 8 and up...its short and to the point with lots of illustrations. I'm a slow reader and I got through it all in one night.

I am a huge fan of the Wicked History Series for my 6th grade students, but I found this particular title to be confusing and not terribly interesting. I would purchase the titles on Ivan the Terrible, Genghis Khan or Catherine the Great instead.

This book lives up to the series title: Wicked History. Vlad the Impaler's campaigns to eradicate his political opponents are well-documented. Parents note: some descriptions of the horrors Vlad inflicted are given in this book. A forest of 20,000 impaled corpses surrounding his city is mentioned more than once, and some old-fashioned illustrations of impalement and dismemberment are included in the book. Also, some child hostages of Sultan Murad had their eyes burned out with hot pokers -- this gets mentioned, also. It's hard to conceive of the terror Vlad inspired -- we are distant in time from his atrocities. But his executions were not THAT unusual for the time -- the atrocities of the Turks were manifold, and they were Vlad's primary foe. Interesting book -- well done.

This book enabled me to thoroughly understand as to how Vlad became the "Impaler" that he was historically known to be. Internet sources, to a certain extent, omit important facts and trivias about this Transylvanian prince thus i highly recommend this book for those who wants to know Dracula more! Great find!

This book (and the series) is horrifying. It switches between events taken out of context to events entirely made up just to showcase that character's supposed atrocities. I am aware this series is for younger readers but there is a huge difference between simplifying something and downright providing falsehoods. I suggest anyone interested in the actual history of those attested in this book series to read actual history books and not these little "comic bookish" examples of the macabre.

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