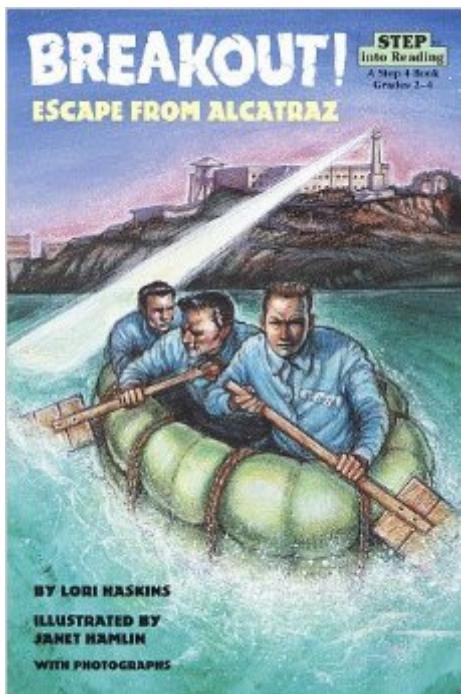


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# Breakout! Escape From Alcatraz (Step Into Reading)



## **Synopsis**

Illustrated in full color. Alcatraz, San Francisco's number one tourist attraction, played a pivotal role in American history from the 1930s through the 1960s housing some of the nation's most notorious criminals. Teachers can use this gripping true account to trigger discussion on such topics as the Great Depression, the FBI, Native American history, and our criminal justice system. Escape-story fans, true-crime aficionados, and history buffs will want to make a quick getaway to read all about the legendary landmark they call "The Rock."Â Â

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book outlines in vivid historical detail the legendary escape of three men from the most inescapable prison in U.S. history. The book also explains a brief history of the island of Alcatraz in addition to a brief account of its final days. One of the major themes of this book is that not everyone will be shut up. Out of every prison, or every situation, there is a way out, and there is an escape if one is only willing to take the risks. Along with colorful illustrations which tell a story by themselves and photographs which provide historically accurate detail, the book also tells an exciting though quite short, true story about the legendary island of Alcatraz. The text is not overrun with needless detail nor is it too general. What I liked best is that by the end of the book, the reader feels as if he or she has just been given a tour of the island prison.

I was previewing this book for my 2nd grade classroom and became completely enthralled in it! It's a great adventure/mystery story sure to capture the attention of any child who likes action and suspense! It creates great imagery of Alcatraz and leaves the reader with an eerie feeling of not knowing whether these men made it or drowned in the bay. It's definitely one of my students' favorites in the classroom.

On June 11, 1962, at 9:30 P.M. the guard is coming down the hall and as he comes he makes a head count. They pretend to sleep, but they don't because tonight is the night they are going to escape! Some of their techniques in the escape plan: making a hole in a concrete wall, fashioning 4 fake heads with painted faces to place in the bed to buy time from the guards, using a concertina minus the keys to inflate their raft and making paddles from their wooden shelves from their cells.

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