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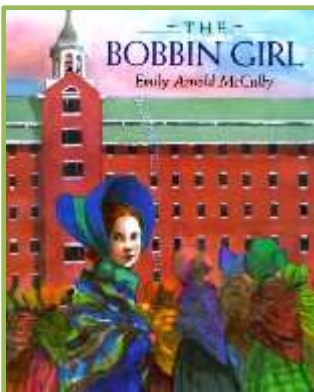
The Bobbin Girl by Emily Arnold McCully

About *The Bobbin Girl*:

Rebecca Putney is a bobbin girl who helps support her struggling family by working all day in a cotton mill. Working conditions at the mill are poor, and there is talk of lowering the workers' wages.

Rebecca's friend Judith wants to protest the pay cut — but troublemakers at the mill are dismissed. Does Rebecca have the courage to join the protest?

Source: Scholastic.com



About the author:

Emily Arnold McCully won the Caldecott Medal and has illustrated over one hundred books for young readers. Her nonfiction work for young adults, *Ida M. Tarbell: The Woman Who Challenged Big Business,*

and Won!, was a finalist for the YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction. (Scholastic.com) "I love drawing stories about brave girls, and historical subjects that shed a new light on the past. I never dreamed that I would be a children's book author when I was young, but it turns out that I was preparing myself to be just that all along."-Emily Arnold McCully

Tips for *The Bobbin Girl*:

- Incorporate *The Bobbin Girl* into a history unit on the early to mid-1800's and the lives of factory workers.
- Read the *Author's Note* found in the back of the book. Discuss the real life bobbin girl, Harriet Hanson Robinson. Assign older children biography report projects on influential people, including Robinson, during this time.
- Utilize word walls and language walls to discuss unknown words, pictures, or ideas. Allow students to describe things such as a parlor, boarding house, or bobbin, through using their own language.

Reviews:

"Beautifully composed watercolor paintings give a vivid impression of America in the 1830s and bring the period to life. A useful book for history units."

-*Booklist*

"McCully deftly weaves feminist themes into her spirited text, and her meaty author's note places her story in context. Her characters speak of self-reliance and education."

-*Publishers Weekly*