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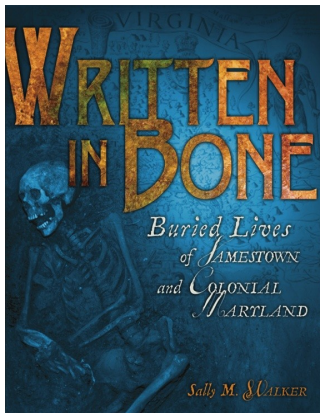
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**Written in Bone:
Buried Lives of
Jamestown and
Colonial Maryland**

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Bright white teeth. Straight leg bones. Awkwardly contorted arms. Though this skeleton has been buried for hundreds of years, scientists are quickly able to tell these are the remains of a fifteen year-old European boy. How do they know? Sibert award-winning author Sally M. Walker uncovers the science and state-of-the-art methods used to find the answers in *Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland*.

In this Junior Library Guild selection, Walker works alongside archeologists and forensic anthropologists to give readers an inside look at an excavation site inside the remains of James Fort where scientists try to better understand the Europeans and Africans who lived in Jamestown and the Chesapeake Bay area during the 1600s and 1700s. Who were these people? How did they live? And how did they die?

Just as forensic scientists use their knowledge of human remains to help solve crimes, they use similar skills to solve mysteries from long-ago. From the skeletons, the burial practices, and remnants of objects found nearby, scientists can determine gender and ancestry, along with probable age, what a person ate, what lifestyle he or she lived, and the cause of death.

Complete with never before seen photographs and one of the first-ever facial reconstructions of an African American from the colonial time period, *Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland* is perfect for classrooms, libraries, and history centers. Readers are introduced to what scientists believe are the lives of a teenage boy, a ship's captain, an indentured servant, a colonial official and his family, and an enslaved African girl. All are reaching beyond the grave to tell us their stories, which are written in bone.

The Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., will open the exhibition "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake" in February 2009.

Praise for *Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland*

"With precision of her own, Walker describes the meticulous work of the archaeologists and other scientists who study skeletal remains...Those intrigued by forensics and history will find this absolutely fascinating." –starred, *Booklist*

About the Author

Sally M. Walker has brought science to life in more than fifty books for young readers. Her meticulous research and stirring storytelling in *Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H. L. Hunley* won her the prestigious Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award Medal in 2006. She also won acclaim for *Fossil Fish Found Alive*, an ALA Notable title. In *Written in Bone*, she worked alongside scientists, forensic anthropologists, and archivists as they excavated and studied skeletons, burial practices, and remnants. Ms. Walker lives in De Kalb, Illinois.

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