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Review of *A Fine Dessert: Four Centuries, Four Families, One Delicious Treat* by Emily Jenkins

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A Fine Dessert: Four Centuries, Four Families, One Delicious Treat

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Illustrated by Sophie Blackall

New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2015

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Not only is this book delightful and beautifully illustrated, but it also teaches children about the various ways of life in each century it depicts. The first date, 1710, shows an English family living in the countryside with a mother and daughter making the dessert. Second is 1810 where a slave woman and her daughter make the same dessert on a plantation in Charleston, SC, and serve it to their masters. Third we are in 1910 in Boston again with a mother and daughter who are making dessert. Lastly we go to San Diego, CA, in 2010 where a father and son prepare dessert for a dinner party. Each time period shows the method of gathering the materials, the tools, such as a whisk and icebox, where they got the recipe, and who they share the dessert with. This book teaches children not only how to make a delicious raspberry and cream dessert called fool, but also teaches them about various times in history. I would recommend this book for ages four to ten.

Highly Recommended. *Shaune Young, Centennial Library Intern, Cedarville University*