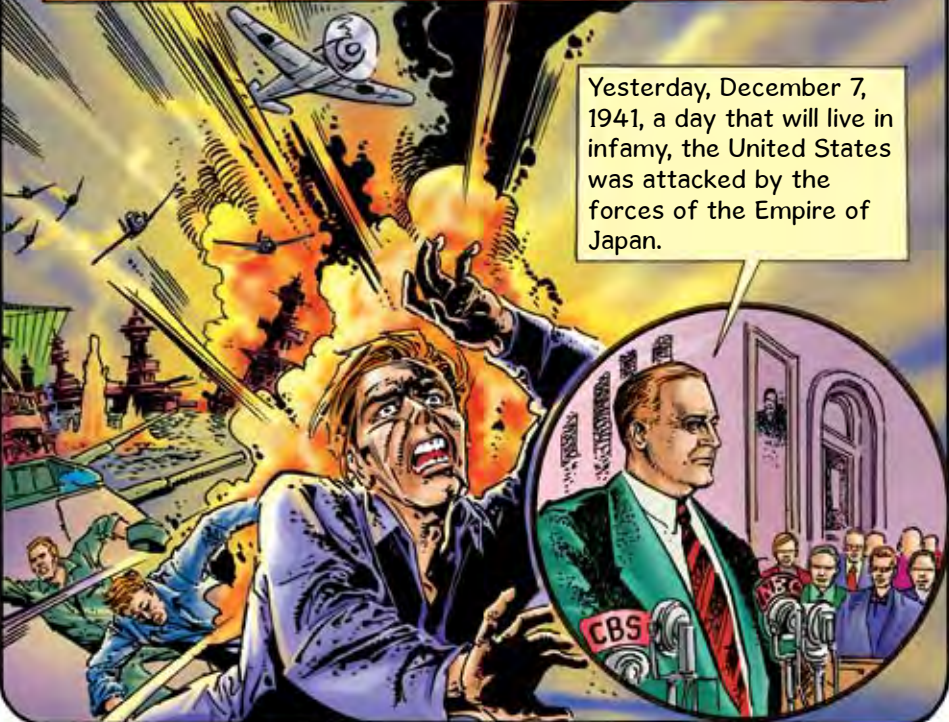




Franklin Roosevelt was called the most loved and the most hated American president since Abraham Lincoln. Like Lincoln, he had to hold the country together—first against the internal threat of economic disaster, then against the military dictators who wanted to make slaves of the free world.



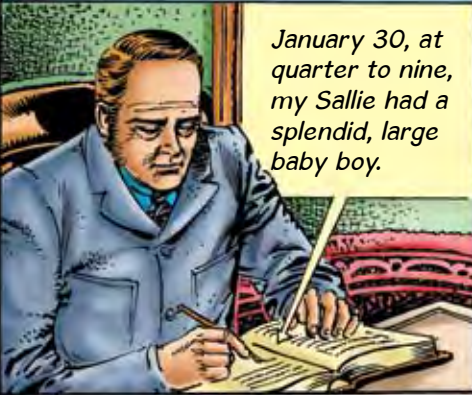
Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy, the United States was attacked by the forces of the Empire of Japan.

The year was 1882. A doctor's buggy hurried to Springwood, an estate in Hyde Park, New York.



Good evening, sir.

The next morning, James Roosevelt wrote in a diary.



January 30, at quarter to nine, my Sallie had a splendid, large baby boy.

Soon the baby's mother was strong again.



Let me bathe him ma'am!

He is so plump and sweet, I want to do it myself.

In a few weeks he was christened* at the nearby chapel.



His name?

Franklin Delano Roosevelt!

* to give a name to at baptism

As Franklin grew, his father taught him many things.

To swim ...



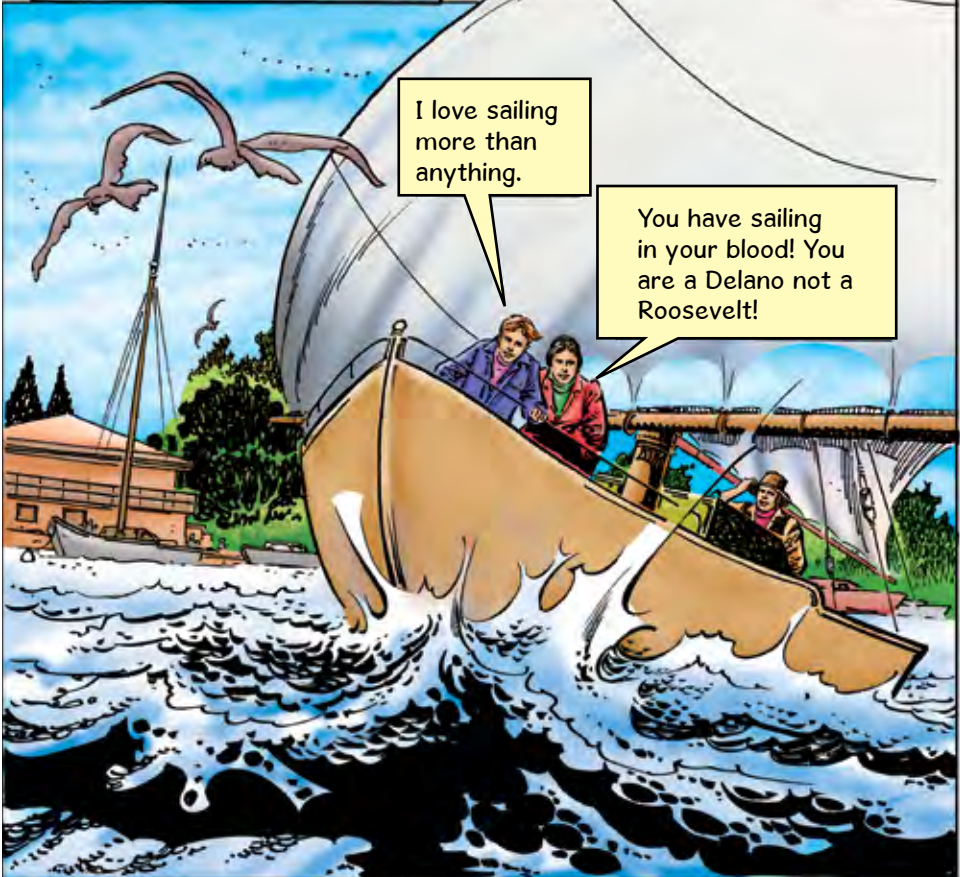
To ice skate ...



To ride ...



Then there was sailing.



I love sailing more than anything.

You have sailing in your blood! You are a Delano not a Roosevelt!

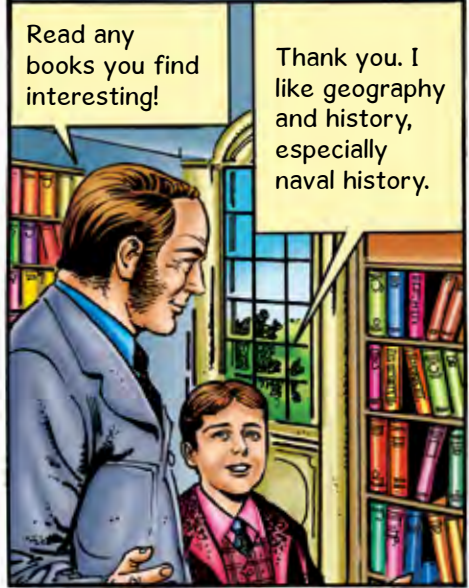
When I was eight years old I sailed to China on one of my father's sailing ships!



There were indoor things too ...

Read any books you find interesting!

Thank you. I like geography and history, especially naval history.



You get letters from all over the world. Could I start a collection of interesting stamps?

Of course!



For school he had a private teacher and had to follow a strict schedule.

Your winter schedule: up at seven, breakfast at eight, lessons from nine to twelve. Then outdoors for an hour of exercise, lunch, and lessons again until 4 o'clock.



