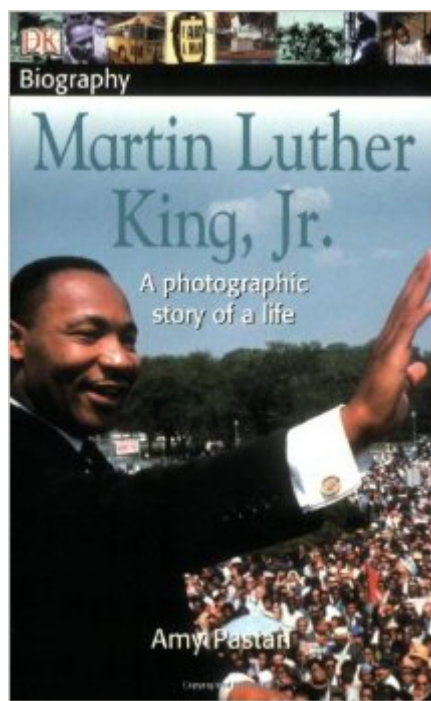


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## Customer Reviews

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today!" ~Martin Luther King, Jr. Amy Pastan has created a photographic story with fascinating details and a fresh perspective based on the latest research. Through reading this biography, children will learn about inhumane segregation laws and why racism is wrong. Definition boxes teach children about nonviolent resistance or grassroots movements. After a trip to India, Martin decided to use Gandhi's nonviolent methods to promote change. This book teaches children that there are ways to change the world without violence and it also shows how resilient you have to be to see change occur in

your lifetime. What is really striking about this book is the stories of how students endured such hatred in order to achieve their goals. Amy Pastan also tells the story of how Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote his famous "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." In this letter he wrote: "Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." There are inspiring stories of great bravery as children take to the streets to protest and demand their freedom. As men march with bold signs that read: "I Am a Man," demonstrators start to demand to be respected as a human being. On the last few pages, the author explains why Martin Luther King's birthday has become an occasion where students learn about civil rights and why many dedicate the day to spiritual reflection or sponsor activities that promote change. "Our dreams will sometimes be shattered and our ethereal hopes blasted.... Difficult and painful as it is, we must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future." ~Martin Luther King, Jr. ~The Rebecca Review

This is an extraordinary book, sharing the human struggles for freedom from oppression, details of "how" to proceed in order for positive change to prevail, and cites incredible examples to teach our children until humanity is viewed equally, rather than judged unethically. This is a book that would do well for our children to read. The examples of courage, the kind that comes from the heart, and endures no matter how dark appearances seem to be shows that anyone can prevail when truth is sought over might. The book is inspiring, and a light for all.

Very approachable book for the younger set, providing definitions of terminology and seminal moments, as well as a quick overview of MLK and the Civil Rights Movement for adults unfamiliar with that era.

I sent this book to a little school in Kenya because they did not have any children's reading books in English. The children love to learn about other people's lives who made a difference...in the world..... This book was perfect for the oldest class.

Martin Luther King Jr., by Amy Pastan, is an amazing and insightful biography. I thoroughly enjoyed learning more about a great man who led the civil rights movement. This book begins by discussing MLK's childhood in the south, where he grew up under awful laws, known as Jim Crow, that allowed for segregation of blacks and whites. The author then writes about Dr. King's growth into a young man, his college years, and his marriage to Coretta. Finally, the biography discusses his years as a civil rights leader, where he used non-violent protest to fight the unjust Jim Crow laws

he lived under as a child. Students who need information on Dr. King will like this book because it has funny and interesting facts about his life that they probably did not know. While I knew a lot about Dr. King's life before reading this book, the author's research helps people learn more about his life, especially his childhood. For example, she writes about the time Martin and his brother "borrowed" the family's car and the garage collapsed. Another interesting fact was that he loved his grandmother a lot. Once, when Martin was a child, she got so sick that she passed out. Martin almost committed suicide because he thought she died. These facts are interesting because it shows that everyone makes mistakes, even great civil rights leaders that seem to be perfect. Students will also learn Dr. King's life as a preacher and leader. His life was extremely important because he helped start the civil rights movement. The movement began with the Montgomery bus boycott and ended with the march to Washington D.C., where Dr. King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. I learned two things from this book. First, I learned that everybody makes mistakes. Second, I learned that you should fight for what's right.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an inspiration and a groundbreaker. He paved the way for so many and he wasn't afraid to address racism and other contributors that divided the nation. Monday is a celebration of Dr. King and the movement. Every day is a step forward for a better future. Always important to have a dream and never go back to Jim Crow. The dream is very much alive and this incredible book is very creative. A must have.

Got this book for my 9-year-old for his school project. We went on to read it (him reading of course) and we found it to be very well written, very easy to follow through the description of the biography. Many illustrations that make the reading more pleasant.

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