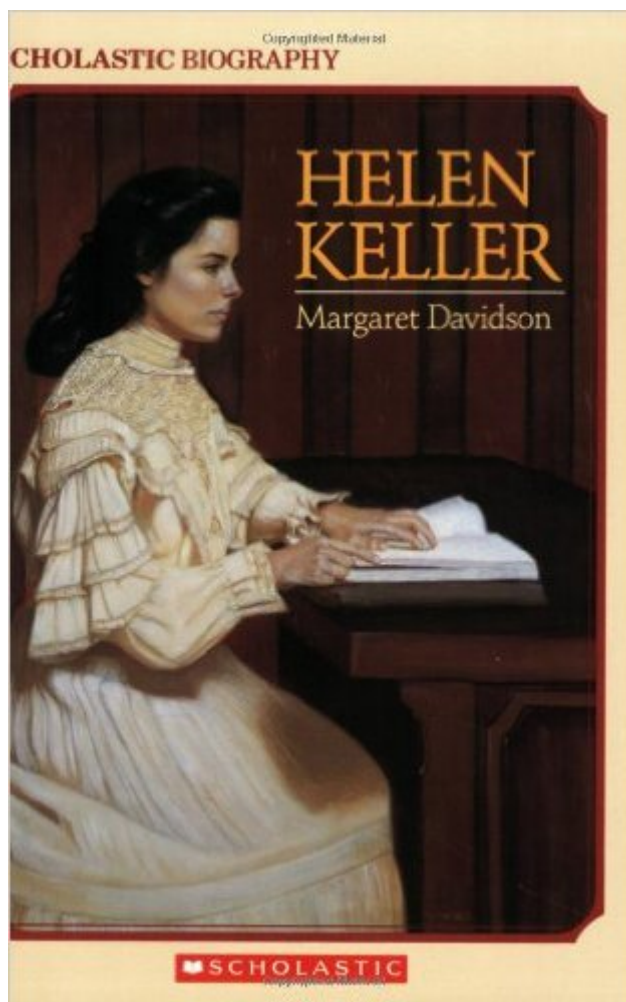


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# Helen Keller (Scholastic Biography)



## Synopsis

A biography stressing the childhood of the woman who overcame the handicaps of being blind and deaf.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: 520L (What's this?)

Series: Scholastic Biography

Paperback: 96 pages

Publisher: Scholastic Paperbacks; Reissue edition (April 1, 1989)

Language: English

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

My 8 year old just finished this book and was fascinated. I realized as I looked through it that I read it as a child and loved it too (as an 11 year old). My daughter is now eager to learn more about Braille and the consequences of being blind--though I had to ask her not to walk through the kitchen with her eyes closed. She loved the photos and can't wait to read about Annie Sullivan. A great book to show the triumph of the human spirit over adversity--and without pity!

The story of Helen Keller and her life of silence and darkness is told wonderfully in this book. I first read this books when I was about 7 (I am now 16) and it is still my absolute favorite book! I have read countless times and my book has fallen apart. This is a great book for anyone!

This is the first chapter book I ever read. I am now 13 year olds and when I was in 1st grade I

learned to read. In first grade I read this book and was hooked on reading forever after that. So thank you to the author! This book has 95 pages in it, I remember it seemed so long then!

This book is about a little girl who grew up being blind and deaf. This little girl's name was Helen Keller. Helen grew blind and deaf when she was a little baby. I got very interested about reading how her mother found out that Helen was blind and deaf. The book described how Helen worked her way through her life to be successful with goals she wanted to accomplish. I would recommend this to anyone that wanted an easy book to read about Helen Keller.

How does one condense the triumphant account of an American heroine into an easy-to-read biography? Chronologically spanning Helen Keller's lifetime, Davidson focuses on Keller's crucial early years, when Annie Sullivan first unlocked Helen's world of darkness. Colorful dialogue will excite third and fourth grade readers; Helen advises such young readers to "taste every bit of food as if tomorrow you would never smell or taste again." The presence of such actual quotations is confounded by Davidson's other paraphrased dialogue between Mrs. Keller and Ms. Sullivan; The lack of a bibliography, or even mention of Keller's infamous *The Story Of My Life* hampers children's further explorations. Davidson's use of "blind children," and "deaf boys and girls," appropriate to Helen's era violates the principle of people-first language appropriate for today's reader, and should be noted by adults. Still, intermediate readers gain insight from the accurate classic photographs at the back of the book while younger listeners enjoy the decorative black and white sketches complementing the story line. Both reader and listener may open their minds through Helen's viewpoint that "the best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched," but "must be felt with the heart." This touching, real-life story teaches young, open minds to value life and seize every opportunity.

I thought that this book was magnificent! It teaches young readers that they can do anything that they want to do. Never give up, and you will have many advantages to the people that do give up, for trying to get reach your goal.

This is another book to teach character. It's great to read to the 6-8 year olds and make available for those children who are able read it. Helen Keller shines through so many obstacles, being blind and deaf. She didn't let that stop her but had marvelous help from her tutor. It's inspiring! A never forget story.

My second-grader daughter was looking for a book to read at school. I try to get her to read historical/inspirational books and she enjoyed this one. She is only 7, and was intrigued by how a person with no ability to see/hear could get by...and the fact that she got a University degree was one of the main reasons why she wanted to read it. I wish it had more pages, she could have read for much longer...She finished reading it in less than a week. I may just try to find her a different version of Helen Keller's life. I definitely recommend it, a true inspirational book for little girls. A great way to raise awareness about children with different needs.

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