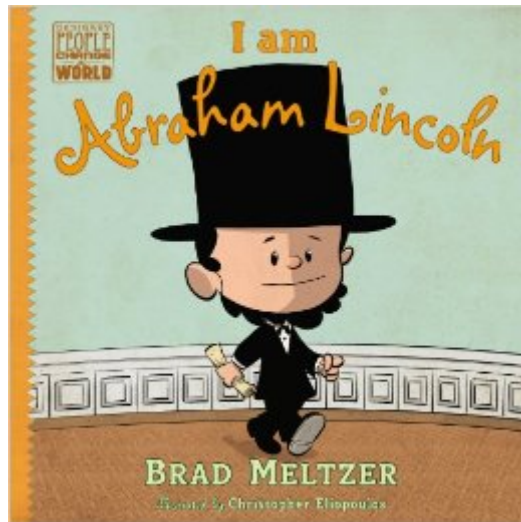


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# I Am Abraham Lincoln (Ordinary People Change The World)



## Synopsis

We can all be heroes. That's the inspiring message of this lively, collectible picture book biography series from New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer. Kids always search for heroes, so we might as well have a say in it. Brad Meltzer realized, and so he envisioned this friendly, fun approach to biography for his own kids, and for yours. Each book tells the story of one of America's icons in an entertaining, conversational way that works well for the youngest nonfiction readers, those who aren't quite ready for the Who Was series. Each book focuses on a particular character trait that made that role model heroic. For example, Abraham Lincoln always spoke up about fairness, and thus he led the country to abolish slavery. This book follows him from childhood to the presidency, including the Civil War and his legendary Gettysburg Address. This engaging series is the perfect way to bring American history to life for young children, and to inspire them to strive and dream.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

The 5 star reviews on all of the books in this series don't lie. I have every one so far in my classroom library, just purchased "I Am Helen Keller" and am eagerly anticipating "I Am Martin

Luther King, Jr." I would review each one individually if I had the time. There's not much to be said that other reviewers haven't covered but these are absolutely fantastic biographies for young readers. As a Kindergarten teacher, as high a priority as superheroes, princesses, and other fantasy characters are in their lives, my students are always fascinated by stories about real people in history and amazed that these people actually lived, did very real and very important things, and were kids once, too. What I love, other than the appealing and detailed illustrations, is how perfectly the author handles the often "difficult to explain to a five year old" topics that made the subjects of the books noteworthy. It's so hard to find biographies for early elementary kids that don't water down historical information but still present it in a very age-appropriate way like these do. Young children can and should learn about racism, slavery, prejudices, life challenges, and other tough topics and it can definitely be done in a way they understand. Beyond that, the recurring message is that otherwise normal people with lives, families, and circumstances similar to their own can do amazing things and change the world for the better. That's not only incredibly powerful for them, it's something that they take away from the stories without it even having to be explained. Just as a recent example, I currently have a student who is enthralled with all things science and is dead-set on being a scientist when he grows up.

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