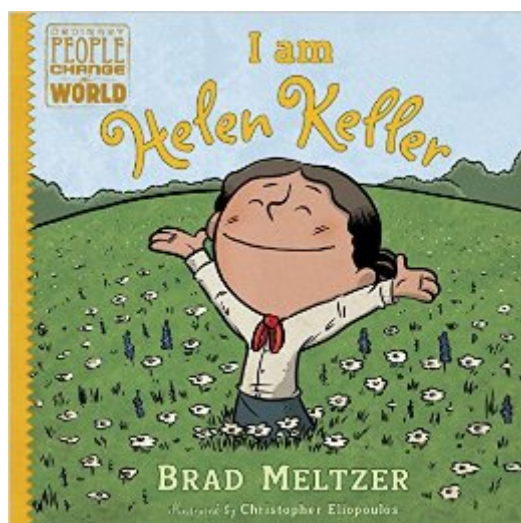


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# I Am Helen Keller (Ordinary People Change The World)



## Synopsis

We can all be heroes. That's the inspiring message of this New York Times Bestselling picture book biography series from historian and author Brad Meltzer. When Helen Keller was very young, she got a rare disease that made her deaf and blind. Suddenly, she couldn't see or hear at all, and it was hard for her to communicate with anyone. But when she was six years old, she met someone who change her life forever: her teacher, Annie Sullivan. With Miss Sullivan's help, Helen learned how to speak sign language and read Braille. Armed with the ability to express herself, Helen grew up to become a social activist, leading the fight for people with disabilities and so many other causes.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

This is a wonderful book!!! However....it gets only four stars from me because it is written explicitly for sighted children. I bought one for my daughter (she is sighted) and another for a friend of mine whose 8 month old little boy loves to hear stories (he is blind). But after reading it, it is not for a blind child that is too young to understand they have a difference, and I actually may not yet give it to my own child because it describes being blind as scary and how her relatives thought she was "a monster". It begins with "when I was little I was just like you" (and goes on to describe how much

she loved to see different things). So obviously, it's not a book for the blind child, because when they say "just like you", they're referring to only sighted kids. Also, my daughter (2 1/2) is too young to understand that the monster they're referring to in the book has a different meaning and that times were different back then. She'll understand later, but especially with a blind friend, I will probably just edit the story as I read it to her or just wait until her understanding grows a bit. The rest of the book is amazing!!! There is an actual Braille alphabet and some wonderful inspiration for all (sighted and not!) I just really wish it wasn't written in such a way to exclude verbatim story telling to blind children. I really thought it would be the perfect gift for them, but it's not.

I heard about this book from the author on the radio the other day and it sounded brilliant so I bought it and thought I might give it as a gift to my son's first grade class. I received the book yesterday in the mail and my 3rd grade daughter read it before I even had a chance to look through it. She was so memorized by the story that she insisted on reading it to me immediately. It was such a well written book explaining the life of Helen Keller and all the obstacles she had to overcome. Now I have decided to give it to my daughter's 3rd grade teacher because I think that 3rd graders might be more effected by the story. Can't wait to try another book written by Mr. Meltzer.

I picked this up in the morning as a small gift for a teacher and her class and ended up reading it myself. What an amazing book for kids (and adults); it really connects Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan's humanity to yours, which is a remarkable achievement for any book. Without giving away too much, some of the pages are emotionally hard-hitting in a very good way.

This is an excellent book for young people to read and perhaps listen to in a group as they study various people and situations. It is not for blind children in my opinion at least until they are somewhat older. I could be wrong there - as I have been known to be quite often! I like the illustrations and I do like the wording. I am wondering if this book should maybe be printed in Braille as well? Again, I am thinking out loud, I suppose. The children I shared this book with did have a lot of questions about Braille and blindness. This book did create an awareness among the group and that is a positive thing, I think. I would definitely want this book in an elementary school library. Five stars from me.

This series is wonderful! My girls, 5 and 2, love these books. We started with I Am Rosa Parks after my kindergartener learned about Civil Rights at school. We've since bought 2 more, including this

one. The books do a great job of explaining difficult subject matter in a way that kids can understand and the illustrations really interest them. We read these books over and over and over. I can't recommend them highly enough.

I buy books for my nephew, who turned 1 on Christmas Day. This is definitely for an older reader to read independently, however my brother and sister-in-law read to him every day. I buy all ranges of books to add variety for them (the adults). This is a beautiful book and a wonderful series overall. They are wonderfully written and illustrated. I learned something new when I read them before wrapping them as a gift. I love that they are multi-gendered and multi-racial. Even more, I just love the tagline: Ordinary People Change the World. I was unaware of this series until I heard the author talking about it on a podcast. I am so glad I found out about them. I will definitely be adding the entire series to my nephew's library.

I posted all over Facebook, Instagram, and even Twitter about this book! It's fantastic. It's a truly inspirational, well-read, easy to read great informative book for toddlers, kindergarteners, kids of all ages and even adults, honestly. I can't say enough wonderful things about this book. We have purchased every 'I Am' book to date that Brad Meltzer has written and this one was the most outstanding. Truly inspirational. Reading this book meant a lot to my family and I have already been telling everyone I know about this. Truly a great book for kids of all ages, types, sizes, learning levels, and more. It's a must have in my book case from now on!

Another terrific book from Brad Meltzer. My son absolutely love how he place humor with history. It makes learning history so much more fun. It is fun with little humor on the pictures with text and also teaches you how to a blind would read with the indented print on the book. My son laugh so much reading this book that he absolutely love it. He has read this book like 10 times already.

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