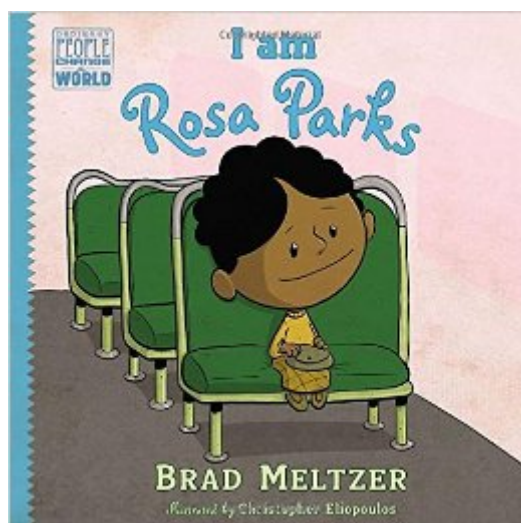


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# I Am Rosa Parks (Ordinary People Change The World)



## Synopsis

"We can all be heroes" is the message entertainingly told in this picture-book biography series from #1 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 a vivacious, conversational way that works well for the youngest nonfiction readers, those who aren't quite ready for the Who Was biography series. Each book focuses on a particular character trait that made that role model heroic. For example, Rosa Parks dared to stand up for herself and other African Americans by staying seated, and as a result she helped end public bus segregation and launch the country's Civil Rights Movement. This engaging series is the perfect way to bring American history to life for young children, providing them with the right role models, supplementing Common Core learning in the classroom, and best of all, inspiring them to strive and dream.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

My daughter was Rosa Parks for her 2nd grade biography project. After all of the children's books about Mrs. Parks, this is the only one I would recommend. Its the most accurate- reads like it was

pulled directly from her autobiography- and it was the ONLY one of the ones we found that gets her placement on the bus correct (a detail of great import!). There's a lot of choices for books on Rosa Parks, this one is clearly superior.

This series has been bringing icons of our country to life, starting with Amelia Earhart, Abraham Lincoln, and now Rosa Parks. It is written very well, and in the first person, so it really grabs your attention. Meltzer brings what appear to be ordinary people, into their story, that has now changed the world. The illustrations are marvelous, by Christopher Eliopoulos, and the speech bubbles help make the book feel alive. The story follows Rosa Parks life, and tells us how she was taught to respect herself, and expect respect from others. It is a powerful story for children.

We have a lot of the books in this series and plan to get the rest. These books are EXCELLENT- I can't emphasize that enough. We started with the Jackie Robinson book at age 5 because my son loves sports and it was a fantastic way to begin discussions on race and ethnicity (which every family should talk about). We have the Albert Einstein, Amelia Earhart, Helen Keller, Jackie Robinson, and this one. They are well written, fun to read and most importantly INSPIRING. The difficulties and struggles each character faces is represented in a straightforward way and not dumbed down for children. The books talk about how it is ok to be different and that overcoming struggles is what makes each character special. Each book ends with an inspiring message about working hard, doing your best, standing up for what's right, etc.

Explains important aspects of the Civil Rights Movement in an age-appropriate way. My six year old is an advanced reader, but she is still only six, so I appreciate that this opens the door for deeper discussion and understanding without bringing in aspects that a sensitive young child is not ready for. I also appreciate the overall tone of standing up for one's self and for what is right against all odds. DD has a highly-developed sense of justice and I am teaching her to channel that by speaking up and speaking out. This book has a good message in that regard.

The 2nd grader is learning about Rosa Parks this week after Jackie Robinson. I am so glad Brad Meltzer has a book of her. As a fan of this series already, we decided to purchase this book as well since Brad Meltzer has a way to put history learning in a comical way which 2nd graders and even prekindergartners has a way to relate and understand it. His series allow little one to remember and comprehend history without any stress. In conclusion, we rate this book 5 out of 5 STars. Of

course we already have the other books and will continue to purchase the future series.

What amazes me most about this new biography series for young readers is how in only a few words the author manages to convey the spirit of the person. A fabulous addition to a wonderful new series perfect for young readers to learn to enjoy history. ...just be prepared for a lot of questions, and deep conversation at your child's level. The story line is done in a cartoon format. If you want to really know if this book is for you, go to your local library. If they don't have a copy there is always the option of the Inter-Library Loan procedure (books usually take about 3 weeks to arrive). I almost always preview books from the library before purchasing ... it has saved a lot of disappointment

I am blessed with 6-year old twin granddaughters. There are concepts in these three books that needs explanation and it is a pleasure to me to not just read the stories but to discuss these ideas with the kids. They in turn get absorbed about notion of bullying, racism, determination, and leadership among other concepts. It is a very special time for me and the girls and they are not bored by these discussions and educational ideas at all.

This is the 3rd Brad Meltzer "Ordinary People" book I have purchased for my grandchildren. It seems that adults enjoy these books as much as children do. Each one highlights the "ordinary" person's history and makes it come to life. I learned something from each book even though I thought I knew that person's story. This book touched my heart. I think I have read each book at least 6 times to my grandchildren. Wonderful writing, wonderful true stories.

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