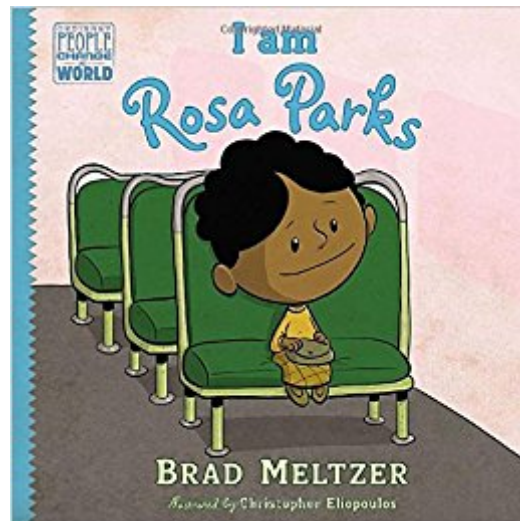




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I Am Rosa Parks (Ordinary People Change The World)



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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Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Meltzer's first-person narration and Eliopoulos's comic-style illustrations bring an altogether different look and feel to the story of Rosa Parks. Beginning with childhood incidents that guided her

later actions, this entry in the Ordinary People Change the World series proceeds with examples of Jim Crow laws and separate-but-equal disparities. These set the scene for Parks's involvement in civil rights, her now-celebrated refusal to give up her seat on a bus, and the Montgomery Bus Boycott she inspired. While some might question this book's biographic credentials because of its undocumented speech-bubble quotes, others will note how the visual format makes Parks and her time period accessible to young readers. An emphasis on Parks as an ordinary person who stood up for what's right also lends itself well to character education studies. Concluding archival photos show the real Rosa Parks. Informative and appealing. Grades K-2. --Angela Leeper

Brad Meltzer is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Inner Circle*, *The Fifth Assassin*, *Heroes for My Son*, and *Heroes for My Daughter*, and he is the host of the History Channel television show *Brad Meltzer's Decoded*. He lives in Florida with his wife and their three children. Christopher Eliopoulos began his illustration career as a letterer for Marvel, and has worked on thousands of comics, including *Franklin Richards: Son of a Genius*, *Pet Avengers*, and *Cow Boy*, all of which he wrote and illustrated. He lives in New Jersey with his wife and their identical twin sons.

I bought this for my five year old after seeing it as a recommendation by the mighty girls page I follow on Facebook. I'm so glad I did. I have three adult children who are biracial. I wanted a way for my little one to know the histories of the men and women who fought racism and sexism to pave the way for the rights we have today. This book was an excellent start and I can't wait to collect the other I Am books for my little one.

Perfect for my first grade classroom. My students kept asking why she is so small, though - which is a valid question. The illustrations portray her as miniature for some reason. Still, the text provided my class with a lot of the necessary information about her life.

My 3-year-old and 5-year-old love this whole book series. The stories are inspiring and we all love the format that makes these somewhat adult themes totally accessible for little guys. Every 3-7 year old we know is getting a book from the series for their birthday this year.

My 3-year old niece loves it. She says "I am Rosa Parks and this is unfair!" Oh, and I bought the book *Martin Luther King*, and she talks about Rosa and Martin like two best friends!

All of these books are engaging and inspiring; used these for K historical figures, black history- they are wonderful stories and I hope to see more of them.

My daughter LOVED this book. She is 6 years old. I skipped the word "colored" in the text just for fear of her using it with innocent questions at school (such a personal choice, can see other children being fine with it all) but overall, I think it served as a great tool to widen her perspective and better understand hardships endured outside her world.

My students loved this book. The way it is written and the style of the pages. I plan on ordering more from this series.

Great for kids to learn black history and appreciate real heros.

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