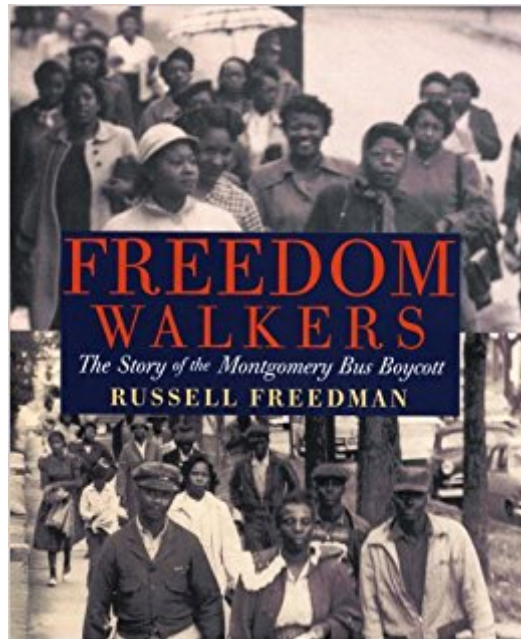


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# Freedom Walkers: The Story Of The Montgomery Bus Boycott Grades 6-8



## Synopsis

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of the bus and give up her seat to a white man. This refusal to give up her dignity sparked the Montgomery bus boycott, a yearlong struggle, and a major victory in the civil rights movement. Source notes, map, bibliography, index.

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Starred Review. Grade 4-6  
Freedman begins this outstanding history by reminding his audience that the injustices of racial segregation did not happen that long ago in the United States. Throughout the book, he gives accounts of how much coordination and sacrifice went into conducting the Montgomery Bus Boycott—far more than students are likely to imagine from the usual popular and oversimplified versions offered in textbooks and on television. There is a refreshing emphasis on depictions of regular people and forgotten local crusaders working together to make the boycott possible and triumphant, from inspiring descriptions of drivers getting up at dawn to take others to work to accounts of well-known civil-rights lawyers working to find the right plaintiff to challenge unjust laws. Freedman's prose style pulls readers into the narrative, integrating the actual recorded words and deeds of the people to tell the story. The high-quality, black-and-white photographs range from everyday scenes of African-American boycotters meeting,

waiting for carpools, and protesting to representations of more famous figures, such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., etc. Extensive chapter notes, an annotated selected bibliography, and a thorough index round out the exemplary presentation. Pair this volume with Ann Bausum's *Freedom Riders* (National Geographic) and Nikki Giovanni's *Rosa* (Holt, both 2005) for a powerful introduction to the Civil Rights Movement. --Michael Santangelo, Brooklyn Public Library, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

**\*Starred Review\*** As Freedman points out, the Montgomery Bus Boycott was a triumphant historical event, and there are numerous memoirs, articles, and scholarly works, for adults and for young readers, about the leaders and the ordinary heroes. In his signature clear prose, Freedman draws on the best of those personal stories and historical accounts to provide a dramatic overview of how the 381-day resistance to segregated buses spearheaded the civil rights movement. He brings close the experience of what it was like to be there, on the bus and on the street. With the eloquent accounts of the legendary heroes--Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and more--are the stories of other important activists, including Jo Ann Robinson (president of the Women's Political Council) and teenager Claudette Colvin, as well as the lawyers and politicians. The photo-essay design is attractive and spacious. On every spread, readers will find beautifully reproduced black-and-white photos, including famous pictures as well as a few not often seen, including a picture of a leaflet urging boycott. Suggest Diane McWhorter's *A Dream of Freedom* (2004) and Ellen Levin's *Freedom's Children* (1993) to readers who will want to find out more. Freedman provides fully documented chapter notes and an excellent bibliographic essay. Hazel Rochman Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

This is an excellent book. Well written, well researched, succinct, full of information and inspiring. It is a true story of how a group of determined people succeeded in achieving a goal when the people controlling the local government were against them. Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. came out of a movement built by the hard work and courage of hundreds and thousands of people. King and Parks were trusted spokespeople for a much-larger grass-roots movement. The standard narrative is that Rosa and Martin acted largely on their own, but *Freedom Walkers* shows the many ordinary people who were the heart, soul, backbone and brains of the movement. There is no reason this book should be classified as "grades 6 to 8", as adults reading it will find it fascinating. It holds many lessons we can still use today.

It really was a great book. The author did a great job of keeping the reader interested. I wanted to know more about the civil rights movement and the author did a great job with that. I DEFINITELY recommend this book to anyone who is interested.

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