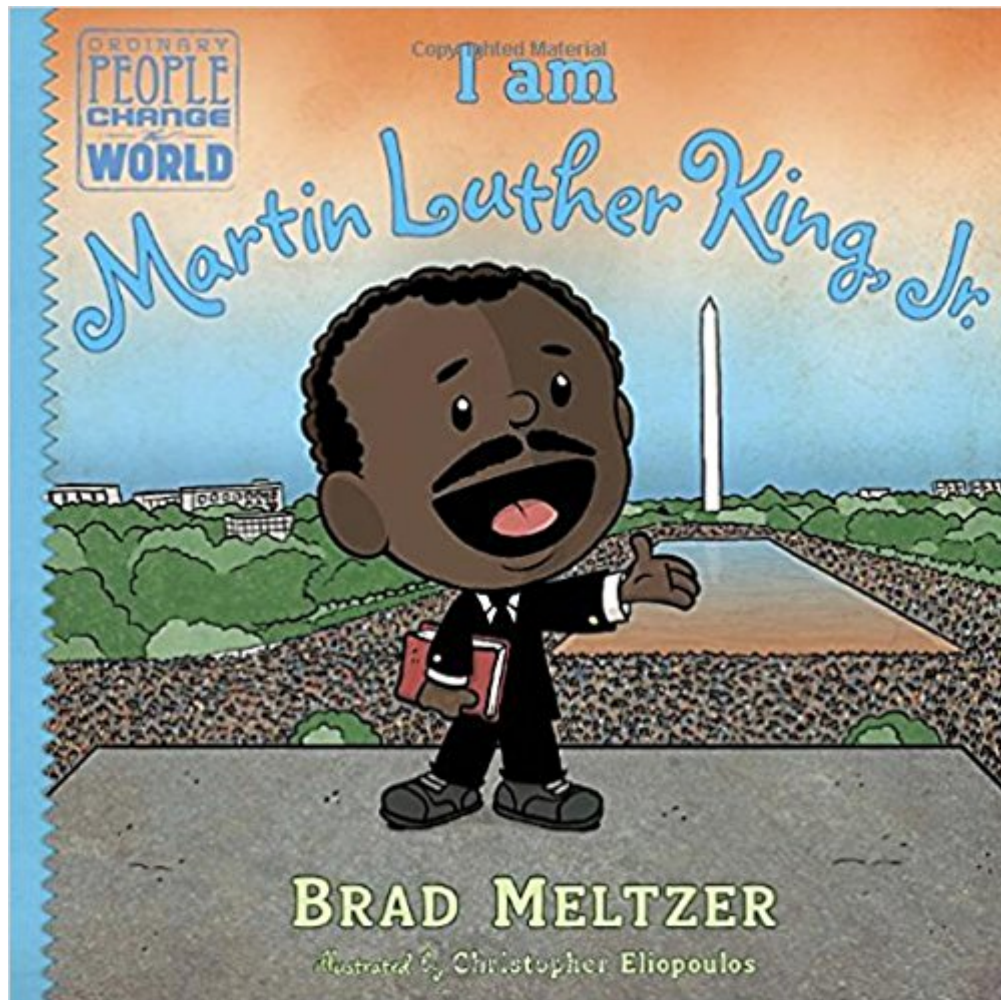




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I Am Martin Luther King, Jr. (Ordinary People Change The World)



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. Even as a child, Martin Luther King, Jr. was shocked by the terrible and unfair way African-American people were treated. When he grew up, he decided to do something about it peacefully, with powerful words. He helped gather people together for nonviolent protests and marches, and he always spoke up about loving other human beings and doing what's right. He spoke about the dream of a kinder future, and bravely led the way toward racial equality in America. This lively, New York Times Bestselling biography series inspires kids to dream big, one great role model at a time. You'll want to collect each book.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Brad Meltzer is the New York Times Bestselling author of *Heroes for My Son*, *Heroes for My Daughter*, and a number of suspense novels for adults. He is also the host of the History Channel television shows *Brad Meltzer's Decoded* and *Lost History*. 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.

Lately, as a parent I have felt like a complete failure. The world is a complete mess, or so it feels that way. I cannot cope with all the hatred and violence. How could I possibly be expected to reassure my children that everything is going to be alright? A couple weeks ago, I hit a real low. It was a feeling of hopelessness kind of low. Nothing particularly bad had happened, but I felt like there was nothing I could do to help the people that were having very bad things happen to them. I not only felt this way, but my oldest daughter has been struggling with filtering through the world news. And then this magical thing happened...I came home from a particularly long day and discovered I am Martin Luther King, Jr. in my mailbox. That night when we sat down to read the book, I was transfixed with one particular page where Dr. King explains what he learned from the teachings of Henry David Thoreau and Mahatma Gandhi. It was a lesson of nonviolent resistance, a lesson of love and peace. I needed to hear this lesson as much as my children needed to hear it. The book can be difficult to read at times because it does not shy away from the truth about racism and injustice. It takes courage to step out of your own bubble and acknowledge the pain in others' lives. My children, who both attend extremely culturally diverse schools, were shocked at the inequities demonstrated in the text and images. With my oldest daughter, we were able to engage in discussion of when she still recognizes racist behavior or inequities today. With my youngest daughter, we talked about how she should respond if she sees someone not being treated fairly. The book provides a joyous lesson in hope. It provides a lesson in refusing to give into hate and violence. These lessons are difficult to teach your children, but having a book as a guide helps tremendously. Books like this serve as conversation starters. The cartoon-like illustrations by Christopher Eliopoulos provide images that small children are naturally drawn into viewing for long periods of time. This is important if you want to read a page and then discuss what the words mean. The illustrations also make difficult topics less scary. I remember taking Miss M to the King Center in Downtown Atlanta when she was only five, and some of the pictures that were at the King Center made her very upset because of their violent and graphic nature. This book provides the perfect balance of realism for the topic and palatable imagery to engage young minds. I look forward to reading many other books in this Ordinary People Change the World. I received this book, free of charge, in exchange for a fair and honest review.

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 love this whole series, and have bought them for "the grands". The first grader, who had recently read this challenged his teacher with his broad knowledge of MLK based on the book.... When asked if he learned anything new from the teacher's lesson plan, his response was a shrug and a simple comment, "I learned his first name was Doctor." Meltzer makes the characters relatable to kids, and brings history alive..

We wanted to give our kindergartener a more thorough introduction to MLK. This book is beautifully written. It celebrates Dr. King's life and legacy without going into his tragic death. Our daughter was fascinated by the story of people marching and being persistent in the face of so much adversity. She learned so many great lessons from this book. My only memory from kindergarten was my teacher, Mrs. Cross, teaching me about MLK, so it meant a lot to be able to share this wonderful human being with my daughter and I don't think I could have done it successfully without this beautiful book.

I bought this for my almost 5yo twins to learn age appropriate US history and civil rights. They love it! When we bring the book out, they exclaim, "King Junior!" It manages to refrain from sugar coating the history while being age appropriate for small children. All of the books in this series, including this one, has the main character as sort of childlike (shorter than adult characters, even when he is at home with his daughter) but I think this just gets the kids more interested. The end has a number of real pictures of him. It feels respectful of his legacy and is a great start to begin exploring history with kids.

I love this series, which makes heroes accessible to kids. I haven't quite decided whether I like the decision to have them keep their adult heads when they are children. It's a bit confusing. I finally decided I liked the decision for 2 reasons: first, it reminds us that these towering figures were once kids (as are the members of the audience), and it helps the kids remember faces that should be known by every American. Oh, and my 5 year old daughter has enjoyed hearing them each multiple times.

My seven year old grandson loves these books! We were waiting for this book and were so happy when it was released in January. We even bought an extra one for his first grade teacher. The stories are easy for a child to understand and the illustrations are great. Hopefully there will be more to come.

I have purchased every book Brad Metzler has written for many of my friends and family's children ages 4-8, and for my son who is only 20 months old in sheer excitement of the day we can read them together. My heart is so full knowing that each parent and child LOVED them. Many parents cried reading them with their children. Hope, dedication, and love for self and others are a common theme and any and all of his books are perfect gifts for young families.

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