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Magical heroes like Harry Potter, Spiderman, or Catwoman provide plenty of entertainment for kids, but in real life heroes are made of sterner stuff than celluloid fantasies. In this inspiring collection of biographies—covering historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln and Helen Keller as well as contemporary figures such as Toni Morrison and Michael Jordan—critically acclaimed writer and psychologist Sandra McLeod Humphrey teaches young people that heroes were once ordinary people whose strength of character helped them to achieve extraordinary things. Starting with only their dreams, they worked hard and overcame obstacles to make their dreams come true. Some overcame physical handicaps, others psychological barriers like extreme shyness or feelings of inferiority; some faced racial discrimination or educational disadvantage, others financial burdens. In spite of these frustrations and discouragements, all of these people discovered in themselves the patience, perseverance, and determination to pursue their dreams beyond every obstacle.

The message is clear: No matter who you are or where you come from, you too can accomplish extraordinary things, as long as you dare to dream and never, never, never give up!

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Jennifer says

My third grader got the concept in this recommended reading book, so that was all right. I normally wouldn't write anything here about a book intended for kids, but I don't feel like the single star rating will speak for itself. First, there were just straight-up editing mistakes and typos in this collection that even my 9-year-old caught while reading. That bugs me. Also, some of the early biographical information seemed just made-up, like, "he got his work ethic from his mother and his enthusiasm for life from his father" (not an actual quote, but this is how it's written. We skipped the Bill Cosby segment.

Kari says

Very motivational book. All ages will enjoy this book. It can be nicely used with Common Core standard RL 6.4.

Patty says

short stories that highlight past and current "heros" that have overcome obstacles.

Juno 1101 says

Whoaaa...what a book! It rose my spirit to climb up the wall of life, especially when I read the story of Lincoln. Such a good food for your soul.

Pilly says

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Sarah says

covering historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln and Helen Keller as well as contemporary figures such as Toni Morrison and Michael Jordan -

it was a book geared for young people like when were in middle school however, that when my dream began because of people like that in the book, so each taught me something and made me believe a little more in my dream!

Teri says

Won a autographed copy on goodreads.

Twenty-five profiles of various people who overcame challenges to achieve their dreams. I really liked the formatting of the book.

In a note to adults the author says that our young people are lacking heroes, goals and sense of direction to their lives and the intent of this book is to restore dreams and heroes to our young people. I am good with the goals and encouraging children to follow dreams. The word hero really elevates someone, and although all the people who are mentioned in the book followed dreams and succeeded in their public lives, a few I know of were and are not heroes in their personal lives. I know no one is perfect. Still really enjoyed the book and think it is an inspiring book for children and adults alike. I learned a lot about various people I had heard about, but did not know of their humble beginnings. There are a few people I would love to read a more intensive biography of now.

I especially loved the profile of Eleanor Roosevelt. "You gain strength and courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you cannot do." "One's philosophy is best expressed not in words but in the choices one makes in daily living."

Sammy Sosa's quote struck a chord, "My life is a celebration of faith." Love that.

Would like to thank the author for my personalized copy. This is a book I will keep and recommend to others.

Sarah says

25 ordinary people did extraordinary things with hard work, perseverance, determination, and living out their callings. This book is an inspiration.

With each biography being only 4 pages each, it is an easy read. But don't let the short chapters lead you to believe they are lacking. They are wonderfully crafted pictures into lives well lived.

Tanja says

Inspiring short biographical essays about 25 famous people who succeeded in life against many odds.

Teachers could share selected stories as a read-aloud to spark discussions about significant people. Students might enjoy reading individual biographies of people they are interested in. While I like that the collection includes some personalities usually not included in such collective biographies (e.g. Gloria Estefan, Bill Cosby and Ellen Ochoa), numerous essays are about people who always appear in such books (e.g. Abraham Lincoln, Helen Keller, Thomas Alva Edison, Martin Luther King Jr). Even though the collection includes people from various ethnic and cultural backgrounds, all are (or eventually became) Americans.

Vj says

Short biographical sketches of people who pursued their dreams. Includes Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Alva Edison, Nellie Bly, Albert Einstein, Helen Keller, Eleanor Roosevelt, Georgia O'Keeffe, Jim Thorpe, Norman Vincent Peale, Chien-Shiung Wu, Jackie Robinson, Maya Angelou, Martin Luther King Jr., Sandra Day O'Connor, Toni Morrison, Bill Cosby, Marian Wright Edelman, Wilma Rudolph, Arthur Ashe, Ben Carson, Gloria Estefan, Ellen Ochoa, Michael Jordan, Sammy Sosa, Heather Whitestone.

Ruth says

Short chapters on various people in history who have reached their goals--some of them, despite difficult odds.

I liked how the author included people who are well-known but not often thought of when thinking about extraordinary people. What a great way to show that people who start out from ordinary and often humble circumstances, can make a difference in many others' lives.

A few people I enjoyed learning more about:

Sandra Day O'Connor

Georgia O'Keeffe

Bill Crosby

Eleanor Roosevelt

Jackie Robinson

Wilma Rudolph

Toni Morrison

Heather Whitestone

Ana Maria Rodriguez says

Concise and to the point. Highly recommended read to reluctant readers and to all readers who seek inspiration to achieve their dreams.

Sandra McLeod says

Magical heroes like Harry Potter, Spiderman, or Catwoman provide plenty of entertainment for kids, but in real life heroes are made of sterner stuff than celluloid fantasies. In this inspiring collection of biographies, 25 ordinary people from all walks of life overcome great obstacles in order to attain their extraordinary dreams. USA Book News Best Books Award Finalist.

Karen & Gerard says

This is an interesting book of short biographical sketches of 25 people who overcame obstacles to reach their dreams. I found it to be both inspirational and fascinating! It includes people from the 1800's to the present with various dreams. I especially found the fact that many overcame poverty and disabilities to accomplish their dreams. I enjoyed reading about the people I've heard of but also about the ones I didn't hear about before reading this book. It encourages the reader to have a dream, commit to it and never give up. I recommend this to any young person.

--Karen Arlettaz Zemek, author of "My Funny Dad, Harry"

Emilie says

A really good book for young readers.

All of these stories have been well-written and emphasize utilizing your talents and hard work to achieve greatness. Also an emphasis on overcoming what others think or try to label you as.

I learned a lot that I had not previously known about some of these great figures from history.
