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When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man on December 1, 1955, she made history. Her brave act sparked the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott and brought the civil rights movement to national attention. In simple, lively language, Rosa Parks describes her life from childhood to the present and recounts the events that shook the nation. Her story is powerful, inspiring and unforgettable. An NCSS-CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies

## I Am Rosa Parks Details

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# **From Reader Review I Am Rosa Parks for online ebook**

## **Kayla Hines says**

This is the story about Rosa Parks. As you read, you will get to know Rosa Parks and what all led up to the incident on a bus. Rosa Park refuses to give her seat up and gets in trouble which becomes a historical moment in the United States.

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## **Samantha says**

This 1st - 4th grade book is written by Rosa Parks with Jim Haskins. It begins by telling the reader about her arrest on the bus. The then give us a background about her childhood and life up until the arrest. They explain how her and her husbands work with black people who had been treated unfairly seemed to cause her to put her foot down – she was sick of giving up her seat and being treated unfairly. The book goes on to talk about the civil rights movement and how things progressed.

I like this book because it would be accessible to a struggling reader, but the historical content that would give you a little more flex room about where to use it. The illustrations are very good and prominent enough without taking away from the text or the story. Everything balanced out. I would keep this book in a classroom library or assign it to an individual student to learn about an important American hero.

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## **Gina says**

I Am Rosa Parks highlights one of our nation's strongest and influential woman who changed the Jim Crow laws. This text tells about Rosa's childhood, boycotting, and the most brave decision she made that changed the nation forever. I absolutely believe that this book can teach students that when you quit fighting for the rights of humanity, you quit fighting for your sense of living. For a literacy lesson, I would introduce students to first person point of view and a man vs. society conflict due to Rosa Parks fighting against society for equality and rights for all people in the U.S.

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## **Alice says**

Rosa Parks was a pioneer. She stood up for what is right! I really liked this book and how is simply explained segregation in The South! I guess I don't get it! I don't understand why the color of your skin determines your worth? I know some pretty stupid, useless, lazy white people. Do they think they are better than people of a different race? Aren't we all God's Children?

Why I couldn't give it a 5 Stars....it is a little tiny bit propaganda ish. It made it seem just a little bit that all white people in the South were racist jerks, and that all white policeman wanted to hurt the "coloreds" and I know that isn't true... The pictures are very nice too but some of the pictures are a little over the top... so there you have it! Still very nicely done!

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### **Michael Morley says**

One of the most famous civil right acts of the century comes back to life in the autobiography, by Rosa Parks. This life story of Rosa Parks tells us that things have not really changed since she did not give up her seat. We are still in a very racist world and it may take a long while before it ends, or if it ever ends. Rosa Parks stood up for herself and for her people, this tells children that sometimes you have “sit”, for what is truly right, than to “stand” for what is not right. Rosa Parks was a great voice when the African-American community needed someone to speak.

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### **Melanie, Aaron, Annie, and Mary Project says**

Read by: Mary

Author: Rosa Park with Jim Haskins Illustrator: Wil Clay

Genre: Autobiography

Interest Level: K-4

Grade level Equivalent: 3.4

Lexile Measure®: 520L

Guided Reading: N

Rosa Parks begins this book with her dramatic arrest for refusing to give up her seat, which started started the famous boycotts of Montgomery, Alabama. The book details Ms. Parks early life, up until her arrest, and after. The story is written in a clear and direct way, with places and dates which help to put the story into perspective.

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### **Amy Johns says**

This biography is wonderful for early readers to learn about Rosa Parks. Her story of bravery is so inspirational and is also an important part of our nation's history!

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### **Steve Holden says**

This was our featured book today as we connect a unit titled "Change Makers" with the theme of the week revolving around civil rights and Martin Luther King, Jr. This was a great read about this important person in history, and it's an autobiography, so it ties perfectly with a previous unit. This is approachable for my readers, and conveys the information in an appropriate way. I'm enjoying the material and pacing of the unit I've pieced together this week, and this served as a perfect addition.

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### **Celia says**

I chose this audio book in the autobiography section not realizing it's a children's book. Based on that, I think this is a great book for children to read. It's simple and straightforward. Every child should know Rosa's story.

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### **Melba Deoleo says**

The book tells the story of Rosa Parks and all that she has done for our country. It breaks down and simply explains the meaning of segregation and how it simply means that white people and black people could not be together. They could not go to school together, eat at the same restaurant or even drink from the same water fountain. In bus blacks had to seat in the back of the bus and if the bus was full then the color people had to give up their seats to the whites. When Rosa was asked to give up her seat to a white person she refused and was arrested because of it. She had to go to court for it, where she was found guilty and was ordered to pay 14 dollars. Her brave decision to not give up her seat led to revolution and it awakened a movement that eventually got bigger and bigger until blacks were given the respect and equal treatment that they deserved. I would use this book to teach my students how we must always stand up for what we believe in no matter what others might think, just like Rosa Parks did. It would be included in the list of people that I discuss during black history month.

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### **Theresa says**

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by Rosa Parks

A great teaching tool for civil rights, not just because it was her own words but how simply it was told. Nice pictures to help establish the story. Good resource for discussions.

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### **Karthikeyan Ramaswamy says**

simple and well written book for kids

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### **midnightfaerie says**

A book my 6 yr old loved, a little old for my preschoolers. A solid reading level 4 book, this reader has a good amount of advanced vocabulary words, but not so long that it discourages a new reader. Used it for his read out loud book, which was perfect. It took about 20 mins for him to read and had just enough new vocabulary words to make it challenging. Also, it was a fun and interesting story he could get into. He liked it so much, he asked for more by this author. Great reading book!

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### **Jada Powell says**

The genre of this book is Biographies. I Am Rosa Parks book is intended for young readers aged 8-10 years

old. This story is a brief autobiography of one of our nation's strongest and most important women in history, Rosa Parks. It tells of her childhood, what led to her arrest, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and her life since. I rated this book at five stars because I enjoyed reading this book. I Am Rosa Parks would be accessible to a struggling reader, but the historical content that would give you a little more flex room about where to use it. The illustrations are very good and prominent enough without taking away from the text or the story. Everything balanced out. Rosa Parks tells her story in an easy to understand fashion and includes details about why she did what she did. After reading this book, I would have my students complete a character trait list. I would have them right about comparisons they can make between themselves and Rosa Parks. I would use the descriptions in the book to help the children infer character traits that she did not directly state about herself. I think this would be a great book to read during Black History Month and I feel like young readers would find it very appealing to read and learn about other great African American men and women who has made a difference for everyone today.

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### **Teeny Probst says**

**Summary:** This story is a brief autobiography of one of our nation's strongest and most important women in history, Rosa Parks. It tells of her childhood, what led to her arrest, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and her life since. Such a story is accessible to beginner readers with its large print and simplistic language.

**Authors:** Rosa Parks with Jim Haskins

**Illustrations:** Wil Clay

**Audience:** K-3rd

**Genre:** autobiographical picture book

**Themes:** Civil Rights, determination, equality, American Americans and their history in the United States, and perseverance

**Literary Elements:** First person point of view and a man versus society conflict due to Rosa Parks fighting against society for equal treatment and rights for all people in the U.S.A.

**Illustration:** Wil Clay's use of watercolor enhances the text for any reader. His uses of color represent Rosa Park's struggle and accomplishments through her life.

**Usage:** This particular book can be used in a variety of setting in the classroom including independent reading, guided reading, and reading out loud. One could easily introduce this story during Black History Month.

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