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Martin Luther King, Jr. Details

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From Reader Review Martin Luther King, Jr. for online ebook

Tyler Marfin says

"Martin Luther King, Jr." by Marion Dane Bauer is a historical picture book that tells the story of one of the most famous African-Americans in history, Martin Luther King, Jr. This book is a part of the "my first biography" series, which teaches small readers about important people in history. This book is meant for young readers, and does a good job at illustrating the life of a famous person who shaped the course of history forever.

LaToya Hixon says

This book is consider as a biography book. It speaks about the same things that the other books on Martin Luther King Jr. did. It is just put into a shorter version. This is a great book for young children to read to get a better understand on what Dr.King Jr. did for everyone. I thought this book was going to go into more details but it perfect just the way it is. It pulls out all the important information needed to educate children on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Lee Ann says

A great children's book that explains why MLK is so important to our history. I don't think it explained why segregation is bad though at all. It just kind of stated that white people didn't want to use the same fountains/schools/etc. as black people, without saying anything about why that's not nice. And I think that's a pretty simple thing to state in children's terms, just by saying "that's bullying" or something along those lines. So only 4/5 stars.

Reese Januik says

Marion Dane Bauer's children's biography Martin Luther King, Jr. tells the story of who Martin Luther King, Jr. was in his adult life, with details from his childhood. He grew up during a time with a lot of racism, and he fought for equality for all races in his late years. This book has amazing details while still being appropriate for young children. The pictures in this book help tell the story and keep kids engaged. I would recommend this book for young children; there are only a few sentences on each page so it is a good beginner book.

Twinholly1 says

My First Biography: Martin Luther King, Jr. by Marion Dane Bauer is a great introduction to biographies for young readers from Scholastic Inc. I recommend this book for children ages 5-9 years old. The biography tells of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life as a young boy and how he wasn't able to "go to the same schools as white children. He couldn't play in the same parks or eat in the same restaurants." It goes on to tell the resilience of MLK jr. and his passion and achievements as a civil right activist. It is done in simple text that

gets the young readers excited about learning more about Martin Luther King Jr. and how they can strive to make a difference too. The young students get a better understanding of equality and how you can change the world too. The illustrations by Jane Smith are a nice addition to biography to keep the young reader interested and wanting to learn more. They are colorful and detailed. Overall a great choice for educators and parents who want to teach their children the importance of Martin Luther King Jr. and the day in which we celebrate his life and his accomplishments.

Jennifer Hackett says

Tag: Child's Biography

Bauer, Marion. *My First Biography: Martin Luther King, Jr.* (2009). This book is published by Scholastic and is appropriate for children between ages 5-10 and is a great introduction to segregation and Martin Luther King, Jr. This book depicts what segregation was like and the experiences Martin Luther King Jr. endured growing up. How blacks had to go to different schools, drink from separate drinking fountains, and play in different parks. Martin Luther King Jr. was an inspiration to all people and had a way with words that encouraged and brought hope. The text is very simple and bold for children to easily read. The illustrations are large and take up the entire page with vibrant colors that appeal to children. The emotions expressed on the children's faces portray the times they faced. This is a great book for children to read and learn about our history and how Martin Luther King Jr. made a positive impact for all.

Meghan Mcmanis says

This nonfiction book about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a great example of how to use (Boring) history and factor it into making it interesting for children and relating it to every day life. The book graphically goes into a vivid description about what MLK's goals were and why he was making a difference. It makes it easy and simple for the child to interpret. Its accurate and shows imagery as well as FACTS. I think that is the hardest part about teaching children nonfiction books, is to get their attention. If I read this in my class I would relate it to real life pictures and stories. My grandpa is African American also, so i have a pretty good background on what went on during that time, I think telling children real life experiences also gets them engaged in what they are learning.

Bauer, Marion. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*. New York: Scholastic, 2009. Print.

Michelle Doerr says

This book is included in a great bibliography series for young children. Bauer takes real life situations that are important for all to know and transforms them into understandable, kid-friendly stories. This story about Martin Luther King Jr. introduces segregation and the civil rights era. The pictures are big and bold, perfect for young ones to take in. The one sentence pages make it easy for discussion on one point at a time through the life of MLK. The intended audience is primary readers. A teacher can use this child-intended bibliography in many ways to instruct. It is perfect when children are being introduced to segregation and discrimination of the past. Also, this book can be used to learn about people who helped changed the world.

One more way to incorporate this book into your curriculum is to use it during black history month.

Alec Porter says

Martin Luther King Jr. by Marion Dane Bauer is a great book to use for a read aloud in a third grade class room. The picture book introduces students to what Martin Luther King Jr. stood for as an adult, as well as the hard times that he encountered as a kid living during a time when African Americans were segregated from and thought to be inferior to white people. Martin Luther King wanted his kids to live in a world where it didn't matter if you were white, black, Asian or any other race, that everyone was created equal and deserved the same amount of respect. It also gives kids a glimpse into the racial tension that existed back then without getting too graphic. This book can be used as a social studies lesson, whether it is during Black History Month or on a regular school day, as well as a lesson to encourage students to treat others like they want to be treated and to not be afraid to stand up for what they believe in. Race is still a problem in today's classrooms, and while it is not as prevalent as it was during the time that Martin Luther King Jr. was alive, it is still present, and I believe it is important for students to learn about this as early as possible. The author seems to believe this too, as he has done everything he can to make sure that he captures the attention of the kids with the detailed illustrations that help tell the story and keep the kids actively engaged in this biographical book.

Chris Schaben says

Probably one of the easiest books about Martin Luther King, Jr. for preschoolers or young children to understand.

Swear Ahmed says

My First Biography: Martin Luther King, Jr. is a simple book for young children to comprehend. It is for children ages 5-9.

This book goes through the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. It illustrates how African Americans were treated differently during his time. For example he was not allowed to go to the same schools the "white" children went to. Segregation is something children most often at the ages 5-9 are unaware of. This book is a great way to start explaining it. Then the book explained the ambitions that Martin Luther King, Jr had.

I like how the images were bold and large. The text was clear and easy to read. Children often choose books they understand. This book can be one of those. The book also contained a lot of information that is important for children to know. I think children would like this book because the topic is interesting and it is told in a kind and friendly way.

I would use this book in working with children, especially in teaching them American history. It is not a great part of our history but it did happen and our children should know it.

Amber Thompson says

Bauer, M. D., & Smith, J. (2009). Martin Luther King, Jr. New York: Scholastic Inc.

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Description- This book is part of the My First Biography Series. This book is about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His words changed the way people thought, and his actions spurred them on to change the world. The book contains 32 pages with color illustrations.

Content/Scope- This book is part of a wonderful bibliography series for the juvenile audience. The content is about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Accuracy/Authority- The Scholastic Company is a credible source that was established in 1920 and has produced many items for use in education.

Arrangement/Presentation- With simple, lyrical text and bold, kid-friendly illustrations, this book introduces Dr. King to the youngest readers and inspires them to change the world.

Relation to Similar Works- This book is one of several books in the My First Biography series. The books are easy reads with color illustrations and are loaded with great information.

Timeliness/Permanence- Martin Luther King, Jr. is a vital part of the United States history. Information about him will continue to be useful to students and teachers.

Cost- \$3.59

Rationale for Selection- This book is great for the collection because it is kid friendly and the information is presented in such a great way. It is an easy read for younger boys and girls and contains wonderful information about Martin Luther King, Jr. This book is also culturally diverse which is needed in this collection.

Reviewed in a Professional Resource- Reviewed by Sharon Salluzzo in Children's Literature

Lisa Leland says

Reading level: 2.5

Summary: Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great inspirational man. In this biography the book begins with an explanation of what it was like for Martin Luther King, Jr. to grow up as a little boy. He believed that he was just as good as everyone else. He was a great leader and when he spoke, his words changed the way people thought which ultimately helped change the world. Marion Dane's biography of Martin Luther King, Jr. provides simplistic text and kid-friendly illustrations to young readers.

Characteristics that support the genre: Autobiography and Biography, Civil Rights Movement, African American, and Historic Figures.

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By Phil Nast, retired middle school teacher and freelance writer

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Help students in grades K-5 put in perspective the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., his impact on the Civil Rights Movement, and his significance to American culture and history.

Lesson Plans

Dr. King's Dream

Students in grades K-2 learn about the life and work of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., listen to an excerpt from his "I Have a Dream" speech, and create picture books about freedom for Americans today.

Martin Luther King, Jr. and Me: Ideas - Identifying with a Hero. Students in grades K-2 can learn about the life of Dr. King, record information on a KWL chart, and keep a journal of thoughts and ideas. Organization - Martin Luther King Jr. Interactive Timeline. After listening to a reading of A Picture Book of Martin Luther King Jr., students in grades 3-5 use sequencing skills to create a timeline of MLK's life.

Classroom Integration/Mini-lessons/Content Connections: Theme - Dr. King's Dream

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midnightfaerie says

A great educational book for your children of all ages. My 6 yr old loved it as well as my 3 yr old twins. Lots of good information with beautiful pictures that will help keep children engaged. A great addition to any children's library.

Zakiya Ray says

This is a nonfictional story about the Dr. Martin Luther King and his dream for equality. It is a story for early elementary students (K-2). The illustrations are quite cartoonish and animated. The illustrations interrelate to text. There are pictures of black children drinking at a "FOR COLORED" fountain and on the next page a picture of white children drinking at a "FOR WHITES" fountain. The story is simple and explains the

historical significance of this great leader in U.S history.
