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A biography, focusing on the childhood years, of the blind and deaf woman who overcame her handicaps with the help of her teacher, Annie Sullivan.

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Sarah says

This book tells the incredible story of Helen Keller, a woman that was unwilling to take "no" for an answer. It follows Helen through her early years and struggles as a child, to a hungry and ambitious young woman, to an accomplished older woman. Helen was born blind and deaf and faced many struggles in a society that thought she was simply dumb, and was unable to be taught. However, because of the resilience of her teacher Annie Sullivan, Helen was able to eventually go to college. Annie remained Helen's teacher into her old age. This is an amazing story of dedication to learning and unwillingness to give up.

Becky says

I have always loved the story of Helen Keller and her teacher, Anne Sullivan -- both amazing, strong, tenacious women. I wanted to share Helen Keller's story with my six-year-old son, Andy, and help him see how incredible it was for her to change from a wild girl who couldn't understand anything to a brilliant, articulate, inspiring woman. This was a good book to use. It's written well for kids with good active language. Andy is still talking about Helen Keller days after finishing the book. His little sister has autism and has been taught to process language in ways that are similar to the ways Helen was taught -- not so much in method (Helen used sign language; our daughter used pictures and eventually words), but in needing to apprehend that things have names and that it is possible to communicate with each other. Andy understood the parallel. My hope is that he is learning to value people with disabilities and see their amazing potential for contributions to the world, whether large or small. What better figure to help him begin to understand this than Helen Keller.

Kelly José says

This was another Helen Keller book I read a long time ago when I was in about fifth grade. While the actual book written by Helen Keller herself is much better, this book is more appropriate for younger children who might be interested in finding out more about the inspirational figure. Young children should definitely read this book if they're interested in Helen Keller!

Shaelyn Hilbrands says

I really enjoyed this book. I never really knew that much about Helen Keller. The only thing I knew was that she was blind and couldn't hear. My favorite part was when Anne Sullivan (her instructor) finally after two agonizing weeks she got Helen to spell 'water' into Miss Sullivan's hand. I couldn't believe that Helen Keller met so many famous people, such as Mark Twain. Helen Keller inspired so many blind people to not give up just because they have a disability, she told them that they can do anything they can dream of if they try.

Madeline Stone says

The Childhood of Famous Americans Series is a great way to familiarize 9-12 year olds with the country's history. They are written like stories, not textbooks, and are fun to read.

Derek says

It was a reminder of how blessed I am for my ability to see. She was blind and deaf and she still achieved greater things. Great book!!!

Renae says

3.7 stars. It WAS a good book, and I loved the story. It was just really quick and like a 2nd grade level. :(However, the actual plot/story itself was REALLY good. I learned a ton about Helen Keller and the people, places, and things in her life that made a big impression on her. Anyway, TOTALLY read it if you are around 2nd or 3rd grade level. :)

Tara Frye says

This book is amazing. I mean it's so interesting how Helen Keller learned how to read and write and speak. I mean during this time it was very rare to have someone who was deaf and blind. I think her teacher helped the blind and deaf community from then on.

Terrah says

This is a great series for Cora.

Rosa Cline says

This is part of a series of books of "Childhood of Famous Americans" this is my third book I've read of this series and I have enjoyed every one of them. My own children are either too emotionally young for them or my 3 year old granddaughter is just simply too young to follow. So I've been checking them out for my personal reading. I have enjoyed reading these to get a complete history on these various Americans, some I've never even heard of. Am looking forward to reading more in this series of books.

In this book It's about Helen Keller's life and how much her teacher Miss Sullivan made a difference in her life. I never knew that they were together their entire lifetime! Helen always gave credit of her achievements to Miss Sullivan but Miss Sullivan always said she was only her eyes and ears that Helen did it all. This book

takes you through from Helen was about 4 until after her death. All the things she had to go through and all the people she influenced in her life. I feel like reading this story one does get a full feel of Helen's lifetime

Marianne says

This was a great story i read. You learn a lot about Helen Keller and also Anne Sullivan her teacher. It is amazing what Helen learned in the time of her life with the help of as she called Anne Sullivan her "Teacher".

Jessica713 says

I really enjoyed this book because it was great literature though it had some witty details to it. It was interesting what was going on the page but what was also going on in the writers head. This book was an autobiography. In the prologue it was fun to see what the writer thought in the beginning which was Hellen Keller was a snooty ,snobby little blind, deaf brat.

Alex Dziedzic says

Helen Keller started as a dumb, blind and deaf little girl because of a sickness that attacked her when she was months old. She would have ended up not seeing the world and appreciated it. But, with the help of her mom, dad, teacher, and friends, she became a person who learned how to communicate using touch. She finally saw what the world was like with everyone around her and soon she as an adult started to help other people that have the same horrible disease she still has but overcame. This was a very interesting book that showed the life about a poor girl and how she had the bravery to resist it. I would recommend this book to people who want a nice background about Helen Keller and how her life was at the time.

Mary Ledom says

This book about Helen Keller is perfect for classrooms! This is part of a collection of books and when I looked at the names of other famous Americans that she has written about, I picked to read Helen Keller. She is such a powerful woman to read about and I loved flipping the pages and learning so much more about her that I have in the past.

This is a book about Helen's struggles and how she managed to change them from a struggle into a strength. Students of third and fourth grade will love this book because of how incredibly unique Helen Keller is. I would read this as a read aloud because it will be easy for students to comment and share what they have learned about Helen Keller and what they previously knew. I would ask for students at the beginning of the read to tell me what they already knew about Helen Keller. Then I would read the book and at the end of the book I would have each student write down five new things they learned about her. This is a great activity because it will keep students paying attention.

In this book, Katharine Wilkie exemplifies tone in a not so serious way. But still having a learning environment but more so fun than serious. Students will appreciate this tone the most because it will keep them looking at each page and keep them excited for the next. I am grateful that I saw and read this book

because I learned so many new things about Helen that my students will learn and love as well. I would definitely read this in my class because the vocabulary is great and it is easy to follow at the same time.

Nevada Libert says

THIS IS AMAZING BOOK! I love how helen never gave up and how she always has hope, and how she encourage people, i love how she said even if they are blind & deaf they can learn and be like any body. such amazing book.
