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She grew up in a world where women were supposed to be quiet. But Malala Yousafzai refused to be silent. She defied the Taliban's rules, spoke out for education for every girl, and was almost killed for her beliefs. This powerful true story of how one brave girl named Malala changed the world proves that one person really can make a difference.

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Π?νος Τουρλ?ς says

Η Μαλ?λα Γιουσαφζ?ι γενν?θηκε το 1997 στο Πακιστ?ν και ε?ναι ?να κορ?τσι που αγων?ζεται για το δικα?ωμα των κοριτσι?ν της χ?ρας της στην εκπα?δευση και στη μ?θηση. Μετ? το 2001, σε μια εποχ? και σε μια περιοχ? που κυριαρχο?σαν οι Ταλιμπ?ν, η εκπα?δευση των κοριτσι?ν σταδιακ? απαγορε?τηκε επ? ποιν? θαν?του. Η Μαλ?λα, κ?ρη δασκ?λου, συν?χισε να μελετ? και επιπλ?ον ενημ?ρωνε κρυφ? τον δυτικ? κ?σμο για τις συνθ?κες στη χ?ρα της. Μετ? απ? παρ? ολ?γον δολοφονικ? επ?θεση που ?βλαψε σοβαρ? την υγε?α της, ζει πλ?ον στην Αγγλ?α, συνεχ?ζει να αγων?ζεται για ?να καλ?τερο α?ριο των συμπατριωτισ?ν της και το 2014 βραβε?τηκε με το Ν?μπελ Ειρ?νης. Αυτ? ε?ναι η ιστορ?α της προσαρμοσμ?νη για μικρο?ς αναγ?στες.

Το κε?μενο ε?ναι πυκν? και καλογραμμ?νο, αναφ?ρει ?λες τις δυσκολ?ες της ζω?ς της Μαλ?λα στο Πακιστ?ν, δε?χνει αν?γλυφα τις απ?νθρωπες συνθ?κες διαβ?ωσης για μια γυνα?κα στη χ?ρα αυτ? ?σο επικρατο?σαν οι Ταλιμπ?ν και με συγκ?νησε βαθ?τατα ?σο περι?γραφε τις απανωτ?ς περιπ?τειες υγε?ας που της στο?χισε ο πυροβολισμ?ς απ? ?ναν ?γνωστο ?ντρα. Αυτ? η μικρ? ηρω?δα, ?να πρ?τυπο αγ?να, επιμον?ς και φιλαλληλ?ας, αποδ?θηκε εικονογραφικ? με φωτειν? και ταυτ?χρονα σκοτειν? χρ?ματα, με αστε?ες αλλ? και σοβαρ?ς εκφρ?σεις, εν συν?λω με μια ζωνταν? και ζωηρ?τατη εικονογρ?φηση. Το βλ?μμα των Ταλιμπ?ν που παρακολουθο?σαν τα π?ντα, η απελπισ?α στα μ?τια των γυναικ?ν, ο τρ?μος στις ζω?ς των παιδι?ν, οι βομβαρδισμ?νες και κατεστραμμ?νες περιοχ?ς ε?ναι το φ?ντο στο οπο?ο διαδραματ?ζεται η ιστορ?α της Μαλ?λα και η εικονογρ?φηση ε?ναι αναπ?σπαστο κομμ?τι της επιτυχ?ας αυτο? του εγχειρ?ματος.

Σ?γουρα το βιβλ?ο δεν ε?ναι ?να παραμ?θι που θα διαβ?σει ο γονι?ς στο παιδ? πριν κοιμηθε?. ?γριες σκην?ς, σκληρ?ς αλ?θειες, δυσκολ?ες στη ζω? ε?ναι συστατικ? που δε θα χαρ?σουν ηρεμ?α και ασφ?λεια στην ψυχο?λα του μικρ? αναγ?στη. Εδ? ?μως ε?ναι απαρα?τητη η βο?θεια του γονιο?: μιας και δεν ε?ναι σωστ? τα παιδι? να μεγαλ?νουν σε ?να ροζ πο?πουλο αλλ? να καταλαβα?νουν και να σ?βονται τις πρακτικ?ς δυσκολ?ες παιδι?ν που δε στ?θηκαν εξ?σου τυχερ? και αγων?ζονται για πρ?γματα που η Δ?ση θεωρε? δεδομ?να, ο γονι?ς οφε?λει να διαβ?σει αυτ?ν την ιστορ?α στο παιδ? του, εξοβελ?ζοντας κ?ποιες περιγραφ?ς ? αποδ?δοντας τις καταστ?σεις με ?λλα λ?για. ?λα τα παιδι? πρ?πει να μ?θουν την ιστορ?α της Μαλ?λα για να αγαπ?σουν και να σεβαστο?ν τις συνθ?κες ζω?ς που βι?νουν τα συνομ?λικ? τους πλασματ?κια σε ?λλες περιοχ?ς του πλαν?τη κι επιπλ?ον για να μ?θουν την αξ?α του αγ?να εν?ντια στην αδικ?α και το παρ?λογο αλλ? και τον σημαντικ? ρ?λο της μ?ρφωσης και της διαπαιδαγ?γησης για ?να καλ?τερο α?ριο, για ?ναν καλ?τερο κ?σμο, για ?ναν καλ?τερο χαρακτ?ρα.

«?να παιδ?, ?νας δ?σκαλος, ?να βιβλ?ο και ?να μολ?βι μπορο?ν να αλλ?ξουν τον κ?σμο», υποστηρ?ζει η Μαλ?λα και ο εκδοτικ?ς ο?κος Λιβ?νη δ?νει στους μικρο?ς αναγ?στες την ευκαιρ?α να μ?θουν την ιστορ?α αυτο? του κοριτσιο? και να αγαπ?σουν τον ρ?λο της παιδε?ας στη ζω? τους, με τη βο?θεια π?ντα εν?ς μεγαλ?τερου στο πλ?ι τους που θα προσαρμ?σει το βιβλ?ο στον δικ? τους τρ?πο σκ?ψης και δεκτικ?τητας.

Ana // TheBooktarian says

Review to come!

Andréa says

Beautiful illustrations. The story is thorough and informative without being too heavy for the target age group.

Note: I received a digital review copy of this book through NetGalley.

Hilary says

A clearly-written and nicely illustrated book to tell Malala's story without political digs or getting into unpleasant details. An excellent way to introduce thought-provoking issues of education, women's rights, discrimination and the simple ability to learn.

Challenge your kids: what would they do if they weren't allowed to go to school?

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Mari?ina says

One of the most important, meaningful and courageous stories of bravery and equality of our times. Everyone should know who Malala is and now through this book, children of younger ages can learn and appreciate her tremendous, honorable and valuable work, and her incredible story.

For those who don't know her, Malala Yousafzai is the little Pakistani girl who decided to keep going to school and expanding her education anyway possible even after the countless threats, she and her father received from Taliban. On the afternoon of 9 October 2012, she would pay for her beliefs almost with her life.

Malala's story is a great example to mimic, the young Nobelist has a great future ahead of her now that she recovered fully from the vicious attack the Taliban issued on her. This book is a great read for every young kid and in my opinion a very vivid and forward retelling of what happened.

Currently, Malala and her father still work for their grant mission: equal education for girls and boys. The young activist is one of the most influential people in the world and even though threats are an issue, the determined young woman, with the unyielding spark in her eyes, never cowers back.

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK

- I loved the illustration it was absolutely breathtaking.
- My ARC copy had some flaws on the text formation.

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Amy Beckett says

This was such an incredible read, following the inspiring but shocking journey of Malala Yousafzai. I think this is such an important journey in recent history that children (particularly in upper KS2) should be made aware of. This book sends such an authentic message to children in terms of the value of education and the lengths Malala went to, to fight for her very right to be educated, even though she and other girls were forcefully refused. This has been made accessible to children by representing Malala's journey as a picture book. Not only could this book be used in history- crucially understanding the journey of women's rights, particularly in countries that have suffered immense conflict- it could be effectively used in English when looking at non-fiction texts. But overall, such an inspirational journey and one that I think children must be exposed to; as it encourages them to really consider and recognise purpose in their own education.

Beth says

She was warned. She was given an explanation. She was almost killed. Nevertheless, she persisted.

Angela says

Beautifully illustrated and (of course) a powerful true story, but the accompanying text is a bit too intense for younger readers. I understand the need to remain factually correct in retelling Malala's story, but it's at odds with the picture book format here, and the frank account of her shooting may frighten many younger readers. Not recommended for early elementary, but a good resource for older children.

Kyle says

Wonderful book to share with a class. Topic is on the violent side, but my fifth graders handled it very well. Just a perfect message to share and a chance to inform students about an influential leader in contemporary times. Also, great to see a strong female character.

Brianna Crall says

Wonderful story for children. It really got my students thinking and talking.

Chantelle says

This was part of my review for a book competition I did yesterday: This quick read will suit readers who want to learn about and be inspired by Malala's story, like I did.

Tatiana says

The story of Malala Yousafzai is, of course, an inspiration. It hardly seems fathomable in today's world that a young girl must stand up and fight for the education of so many. Yet it is all too un-surprising that her plight was met with resistance and violence. This picture book is a gentler way to introduce Yousafzai's courageous journey, especially to elementary students. I used it as a way to reinforce biography with my students. Aside from the illustrator making her look like Little Red Riding Hood on the cover, I thought the book was tasteful and packed just the right punch.

Alyssa Chrisman says

This book reads more like nonfiction than Malala's Magic Pencil, which reads more like a story even though it is also nonfiction. This book has a lot more detail and includes descriptions of the violence Malala and her people face. The illustrations are okay-- my favorite is the one of Malala on the bus, leaving her face uncovered and then the blood droplets on the book. I think this would be a good book to help share Malala's story with young readers.

Little Feather says

this is a great book and an inspiring story. it's hard to read this to my little ones without crying ? it helps me remember not to take my freedom and education for granted

Deb (Readerbuzz) Nance says

It's wonderful, of course, to read stories about ordinary children from diverse cultures. But it's amazing to read stories about extraordinary children from diverse cultures. And who has come to stand out as a hero in our world today more than the young girl, Malala Yousafzai? This is her story, the story of a bright girl in Pakistan who was told she could not attend school. The story has been rendered as a colorful and inviting picture book, and the text and pictures are a beautiful introduction to this amazing girl's life.
