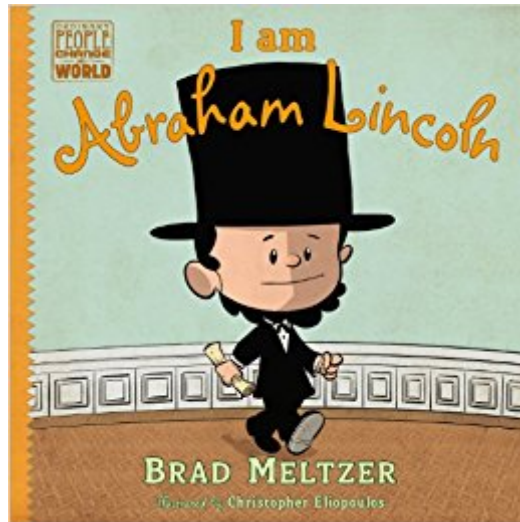




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# I Am Abraham Lincoln (Ordinary People Change The World)



## Synopsis

We can all be heroes. That's the inspiring message of this lively, collectible picture book biography series from New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer. "Kids always search for heroes, so we might as well have a say in it," Brad Meltzer realized, and so he envisioned this friendly, fun approach to biography for his own kids, and for yours. Each book tells the story of one of America's icons in an entertaining, conversational way that works well for the youngest nonfiction readers, those who aren't quite ready for the Who Was series. Each book focuses on a particular character trait that made that role model heroic. For example, Abraham Lincoln always spoke up about fairness, and thus he led the country to abolish slavery. This book follows him from childhood to the presidency, including the Civil War and his legendary Gettysburg Address. This engaging series is the perfect way to bring American history to life for young children, and to inspire them to strive and dream.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 • Imagine, if you will, two famous Americans whose childhood selves were strong and portentous of their future adult lives but whose bodies stayed small and childlike as they achieved

their incredible feats. Meltzer has chosen to portray these iconic figures in this way, perhaps in the hopes that modern-day kids will more easily identify with them. Both narratives are told in first person, which raises doubts as to whether they could truly be called biographies. For example, Amelia Earhart recounts an incident in which she and her sister built a ramp off the side of a shed so they could ride a cart off the roof. Her brother comes along and asks, "Amelia, are you sure this is a good idea?" She replies, "This isn't a good idea. It's the BEST idea!" Such conversations and the lack of resources calls the books' informational value into question. On the other hand, they each talk about the character traits that made Earhart and Lincoln wonderful role models and determined in their life pursuits. The illustrations, while a bit odd, are also rather charming. Their comiclike nature and the brief, readable text will appeal to young readers. Adults who read these books with children will have plenty to discuss regarding the hard work, persistence, and determination each person showed, as long as it's clear that the books themselves are fictionalized. —Maggie Chase, Boise State University, ID

Brad Meltzer is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of adult thrillers (including *The Inner Circle* and its recent sequel, *The Fifth Assassin*). His two nonfiction gift books, *Heroes for My Son* and *Heroes for My Daughter* were New York Times Bestsellers as well, and he has won the prestigious Eisner Award for his comic book work, *Justice League of America*. Brad is also the host of the History Channel TV show *Brad Meltzer's Decoded*.

I cannot rave enough about this series of books. My (then) 6 year old son was given *I am Albert Einstein* last year, and he was instantly enchanted with the man, seeking out more and more information about him and recognizing some of the struggles Einstein faced as being similar to his own experiences with bullies and schools. After such a positive (educational and emotional) experience with that one, we picked up *I am Rosa Parks* a few weeks ago. And amazingly, the same thing happened! Meltzer must really understand kids, because he creates books that they not only LOVE, but that explain complex cultural and social ideas (and hugely embarrassing moments in US history), and break them down in a way that is clear to small children but that does not sugar coat or try to justify/explain. I seriously cannot say enough wonderful things about this series. We just got *I am Abraham Lincoln* yesterday and already my kid is dying to learn more about the 16th president!

Brad Meltzer delivers an interesting, inspiring book about the life of Abraham Lincoln. Young

readers will learn what Abraham Lincoln believed in during childhood, and as President. This delightful story tells about how much Abraham Lincoln enjoyed reading and writing, and why these good habits were important. The author also introduces the topic of how we sometimes are forced to deal with bullies, and why it's important to stand up for what you believe in. In addition, Brad Meltzer includes in this intriguing story why cheating is unfair, hurting animals is wrong, and doing the right thing will make you a better person. The story also teaches self-respect, and the true meaning of freedom, and justice for all. This interesting story also discusses why slavery is wrong, and the Civil War is included in the story as it defines why it was important to fight for freedom, and end slavery, and the war. The author highlights that all men are created equal, why our voice is to be heard when something is wrong, and why injustice should not be allowed. Most important, the young reader learns how much Abraham Lincoln was dedicated to freedom and justice for all in America, as he believed that our voice is our strength. This inspiring book teaches history, and many other lessons to be learned. The colorful illustrations make this story come to life. Motivating, inspiring, and educational. Highly recommended for young readers, teachers, and parents!

I bought this book for my granddaughter who was five at the time, and who is now 6 1/2. This book and Brad's "I am Amelia Earhart" are still her two favorite books, and she pulls them out of the bookcase for me to read to her. We discuss the pictures and the stories. I love the encouragement found in these books to be true to yourself and to your values. I love the inspiration to follow your dreams, and to dream big. There are no other books that I've found that give our children those necessary "heroes" to inspire them, and to teach them, as Brad Meltzer says, "Ordinary People Change the World". I eagerly await (and have pre-ordered) the rest of the series. I believe these are a Great addition to any parent/grandparents' library. It would be wonderful to have these in school and public libraries, too!

These 'I am' books are great! They are not short one minute reads though. Expect to spend at least 5 minutes reading this book out loud to your child. My 5 year olds' interest is held very well, I love that she is learning history. The history follows the lines of traditional text book storylines, but if you read something you don't agree with, it's easy enough to explain how you see it to your child. The books are written very nicely for children to understand. I would purchase more in the series. Thanks!

I buy books for my nephew, who turned 1 on Christmas Day. This is definitely for an older reader to

read independently, however my brother and sister-in-law read to him every day. I buy all ranges of books to add variety for them (the adults). This is a beautiful book and a wonderful series overall. They are wonderfully written and illustrated. I learned something new when I read them before wrapping them as a gift. I love that they are multi-gendered and multi-racial. Even more, I just love the tagline: Ordinary People Change the World. I was unaware of this series until I heard the author talking about it on a podcast. I am so glad I found out about them. I will definitely be adding the entire series to my nephew's library.

Good for kids and adults. Planning to get them all for my family. Good lessons in a fun, readable format.

Very well written! My 5 year old loves this book and frequently picks it at bedtime. I have bought a few others that I haven't brought out yet (trying to ration them) but am really happy with how this was written - - I learned a thing or two myself!

Love this series of kids books. They learn a lot without getting bored. Totally recommended. Have several already

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