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Helen Keller (In Their Own Words)



Synopsis

Helen Keller was the first deaf and blind student to ever attend an American college, but graduating from Radcliffe with honors was only one of her many accomplishments. Her writing and speeches tell the poignant story of a woman who struggles to overcome personal adversity, while working as an advocate for the physically challenged. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-6-These biographies don't quite live up to their billing. At the beginning of each volume, the author discusses the differences between primary and secondary sources and the importance of using primary sources whenever possible. These introductions and the series title imply that the books rely heavily on the actual written and spoken words of the subject. Instead, what readers will find are perhaps a few more quotes than are common in biographies for young people, but the approach is not shatteringly different. The question, however, is whether this matters. These may not be unique biographies, but they are still well written, fast moving, and highly readable, squeezed into a small format that should appeal to many students. Both books feature black-and-white photos and reproductions, a useful index, a short bibliography of primary and secondary sources, and a short list of further readings, along with places to contact for further information. Certainly much has been written about these two figures and many libraries will find their shelves already well stocked.

Those needing more materials, however, will find these to be solid choices. Todd Morning, Schaumburg Township Public Library, IL Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Reviewed with Sullivan's Abraham Lincoln. Gr. 3-5. In Their Own Words biographies focus on famous people who left a record of their own lives. Beginning with an explanation of the difference between primary and secondary sources, Sullivan seamlessly interweaves information about his subjects with excerpts from primary sources. In the case of Helen Keller, Sullivan uses her autobiographical works; for Lincoln, he draws on speeches and letters. Both Keller and Lincoln have been covered in numerous biographies for young people (Sullivan's own Picturing Lincoln was published last fall), but these volumes are still worthwhile. The short chapters, large print, simple vocabulary, straightforward narrative, and attractive illustrations, as well as the addition of the subjects' own words, make them fine choices for early-grade biographies. They fit nicely between David Adler's Picture Book Biography series books and more challenging volumes such as Russell Freedman's classic Lincoln: A Photobiography (1987). Catherine AndronikCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great reading for kids and adults, very informative and pretty comprehensive of her life

I purchased this for my grandchild to read for a schoolproject. How she loved this book. I read it as well becauseshe'd say, " did you know, blah ,blah", and I didn't. Veryinformative read for he both of us.

Great book...love it!

I ordered this for my 7 yr grandaughter Cleo who is a second grader. She really liked it. She had to write a report on Helen Keller. She got a grade of A+. So I think it is a great book, just like my grandaughter.

This book, "In Their Own words: Helen Keller," was received in good condition, before Christmas, as I hoped. It is a well-written book, especially for young people, to educate people about Helen Keller's condition and how she faced it and surmounted it, with the help of many wonderful people, but especially her teacher, Anne Sullivan.

Any and all history of the life of Helen Keller is of great interest especially when you find fact and tidbits that may not have been known of her and her life with others...very interesting and enticing!

Perfect

Any books with facts and information on Helen Keller's life and with those who were close to her is a great read!! A++book!

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