

Children's Bibliography on Rosa Parks (Grades K – 12)

Elementary

A Picture Book of Rosa Parks by David A. Adler (Author), Robert Casilla (Illustrator)

The story of the woman who came to be known as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement."

[Grade Level: K - 3]

I Am Rosa Parks by Rosa Parks (Author), James Haskins (Author), Wil Clay (Illustrator)

The woman whose acts of civil disobedience led to the 1956 Supreme Court order to desegregate buses in Montgomery, Alabama, explains what she did and why.

[Grade Level: K – 3]

If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks by Faith Ringgold (Author)

A contemporary schoolgirl boards the bus on which Rosa Parks rode in 1955, and the bus tells the girl about Rosa's story, from growing up with the constant threat of a Ku Klux Klan attack to her act of passive resistance against the segregation of bus passengers.

[Grade Level: K – 3]

Rosa Parks by Wil Mara (Author), Jeanne Clidas (Author)

A short introduction to the life of the woman whose actions led to the desegregation of buses in Montgomery, Alabama, in the 1960s and who was an important figure in the early days of the civil rights movement.

[Grade Level: K – 3]

The Bus Ride by William Miller (Author), John Ward (Illustrator)

A young African-American child protests an unjust law in this story loosely based on Rosa Parks' historic refusal to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1953.

[Grade Level: K - 3]

Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters by Andrea Davis Pinkney (Author), Stephen Alcorn (Illustrator)

Let It Shine is a collection of short biographies celebrating the contributions of 10 black women who moved forward the cause of civil rights in America. The subjects—who are depicted in full-page oil paintings — include Sojourner Truth, Biddy Mason, Harriet Tubman, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Mary McLeod Bethune, Ella Josephine Baker, Dorothy Irene Height, Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer and Shirley Chisholm.

[Grade Level: 3 - 6]

Rosa by Nikki Giovanni, Bryan Collier (Illustrator)

This picture- book tribute to Mrs. Parks is a celebration of her courageous action and the events that followed. Award-winning poet, writer, and activist Nikki Giovanni's text combines with Bryan Collier's cut-paper images to retell the story of this historic event from a wholly unique and original perspective.

[Grade Level: 3 - 6]

Rosa Parks: From the Back of the Bus to the Front of a Movement by Camilla Wilson, Cammie Wilson

This book takes a close look at Parks' early life, and also follows her political career after the bus boycott.

[Grade Level: 3 - 6]

Rosa Parks, My Story by Jim Haskins (Author), Rosa Parks (Author)

The story of a woman whose decision not to give up her seat on a bus in 1955 turned the Civil Rights Movement into a national cause.

[Grade Level: 4 - 6]

Young Adult

Dear Mrs. Parks: A Dialogue with Today's Youth by Rosa Parks (Author), Gregory J. Reed (Author)

Correspondence between Rosa Parks and various children in which the "Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights Movement" answers questions and encourages young people to reach their highest potential.

[Grade Level: 5 & Up]

Rosa Parks: The Movement Organizes by Kai Jabir Friese (Author), Richard Gallin (Editor)

A biography of the Alabama black woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus helped establish the civil rights movement.

[Grade Level: 7 & Up]

Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Women Who Started It: The Memoir of Jo Ann Gibson Robinson by JoAnn G. Robinson (Author), David O. Garrow (Editor)

This memoir provides new evidence on the origins and sustaining force of the Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955-56). Robinson (English, Alabama State Coll.), a founding member of the Women's Political Council (WPC) of Montgomery, shows that the initial idea for boycotting buses in that city came from the WPC.

[Grade Level: 10 & Up]

Rosa Parks by Douglas G. Brinkley

Brinkley writes an account of the act of civil disobedience that made Parks famous - but this biography of Parks also provides an informative history of Parks' earlier struggles against segregation and an exploration of her life after the bus boycott.

[Grade Level: 10 & Up]