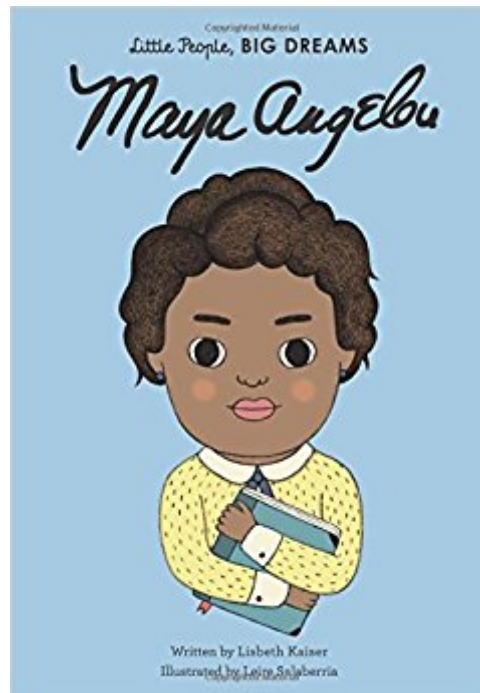




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# Maya Angelou (Little People, Big Dreams)



## Synopsis

In the Little People, Big Dreams series, discover the lives of outstanding people from designers and artists to scientists. All of them went on to achieve incredible things, yet all of them began life as a little child with a dream. The book follows Maya Angelou, from her early traumatic childhood to her time as a singer, actress, civil rights campaigner and, eventually, one of America's most beloved writers. This inspiring and informative little biography comes with extra facts about Maya's life at the back.

## Book Information

Series: Little People, Big Dreams

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Gr 1-3 • Very simple biographies introduce famous women to young readers. Each selection highlights the accomplishments of its subject but does not go into detail. The lack of specificity, however, makes difficult topics more manageable for a child audience. In Maya Angelou, for example, the text says that Maya's mother's boyfriend "attacked her" and as a result Maya did not speak for five years. A significant event in Angelou's life is included but in an age-appropriate way. The illustration style for each book is different and seems chosen to suit the subject. In Maya Angelou, cartoon-style images appear strong and solid, reflecting Angelou's determination to overcome obstacles in her life. Amelia Earhart employs an airier, less representational art style that matches Earhart's sense of adventure and mystery. Observant readers will find small jokes, such as

in a suburban scene in Earhart where most houses have a car parked alongside but one house has a rocket ship. Back matter includes photographs and a few more details about the topic person. The books are factual, without invented dialogue, but no sources are listed. Criticisms appear in Earhart, with terms such as learnt rather than learned. VERDICT These books serve as attractive overviews of the people profiled, but children will need further resources to get a full perspective of the subjects' lives. — Lucinda Snyder Whitehurst, St. Christopher's School, Richmond, VA

— “packs an emotional punch” — Entertainment Weekly — “We’re obsessed with the Little People, Big Dreams series” — MotherMag — “Stirring encouragement for all ‘little people’ with ‘big dreams.’” — Kirkus — “Informative text smartly illustrated” — Another batch of successful instalments in the series — School Library Journal — “One children’s books series trying to fight back by telling the inspiring stories of women who overcame adversity and made history by pursuing their childhood dreams.” — Toronto Star — “The kind of books that adults will covet and collect as well” — The language and structure is simple enough for young readers, while a biographical timeline at the end of each book offers greater historical complexity — Irish Times

I bought this book for my 5 year old daughter. She absolutely loves it!!! This is a wonderful opportunity to teach her about very important people, while still keeping it appropriate to her age/comprehension level. It’s akin to teaching American history using the Broadway show, Hamilton, but for children. The story is engaging, and educational. Truly pleased!!!

Great way to introduce strong women leaders to children.

Love book but would love it in board book version.

Super cute book. It does mention that Maya was "hurt" by a man in her mother's life at a young age, so it may not be appropriate for all children.

This book series is perfect for little girls! It teaches while providing a storyline that's easy to follow.

Cute and inspirational book for young girls

This book breaks the mold of children's books and teaches them about an American heroine. The story is well written, and keeps the attention of my 2 boys (3yrs and 18 mos). Both educational and enlightening it's a great addition to curious childrens book library!

Girls need a role model.

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