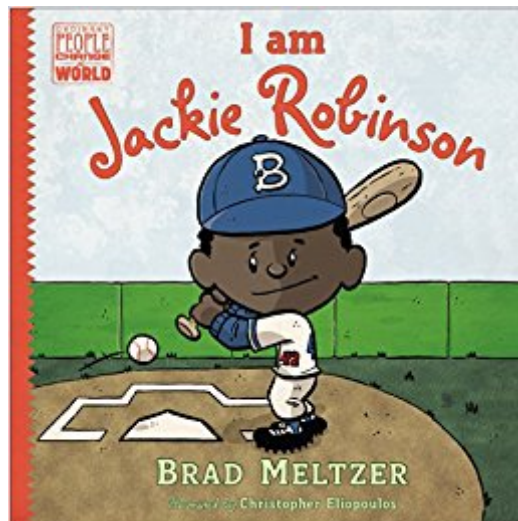




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# I Am Jackie Robinson (Ordinary People Change The World)



## Synopsis

This New York TimesÃÂ Bestselling picture book biography series by Brad Meltzer has an inspiring message: We can all be heroes. Jackie Robinson always loved sports, especially baseball. But he lived at a time before the Civil Rights Movement, when the rules weren't fair to African Americans. Even though Jackie was a great athlete, he wasn't allowed on the best teams just because of the color of his skin. Jackie knew that sports were best when everyone, of every color, played together. He became the first black player in Major League Baseball, and his bravery changed African-American history and led the way to equality in all sports in America. This engaging series is the perfect way to bring American history to life for young children, providing them with the right role models, supplementing Common Core learning in the classroom, and best of all, inspiring them to strive and dream.

## Book Information

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Series: Ordinary People Change the World

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3ÃÃ •This title highlighting events from baseball star Jackie Robinson's life is a preachy, moralistic account of courage. Its sentimentality and sugary-sweetness are a throwback to motivational tales of a century ago. Meltzer is highly selective in his presentation. Facts, including names, dates, and places, are few and far between, and the theme of bravery overrides all else.

Meltzer assumes readers have a basic knowledge of baseball, and many terms are not defined. Eliopoulos's cartoonish illustrations are corny and, as Jackie is always shown as a small child (a characteristic of this series), border on disrespectful. This book isn't complete or thorough enough for use as a biography, and the perky tone will likely cause eye-rolling among readers and listeners. There are many other more informative, better written books on Robinson that also emphasize the themes of courage and racial equality, such as Cathy Goldberg Fishman's *When Jackie and Hank Met* (Marshall Cavendish, 2012), a picture book that parallels the lives of Robinson and Jewish baseball star Hank Greenberg, and April Jones Prince's easy reader *Jackie Robinson: He Led the Way* (Penguin, 2007).

Ann W. Moore, Schenectady County Public Library, NY

Brad Meltzer is the New York Times best-selling author of *Heroes for My Son*, *Heroes for My Daughter*, and a number of suspense novels for adults. He is also the host of the History Channel television show *Brad Meltzer's Decoded*. He lives in Florida with his wife and their three children.

Christopher Eliopoulos began his illustration career as a letterer for Marvel, and has worked on thousands of comics, including *Franklin Richards: Son of a Genius*, *Pet Avengers*, and *Cow Boy*, all of which he wrote and illustrated. He lives in New Jersey with his wife and their identical twin sons.

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.

Love these books. I hope he keeps writing them because my grandkids love them. They are treating them with great care so they can later have them for their kids. Wonderful stories, I think we have 6-7 so far.

We ordered this one, *Helen Keller and Albert Einstein*. My 7 year old read them in one sitting and has been asking for more. They opened up honest communication on differences and how to

celebrate them. Seriously could not love these books more. The illustrations are darling and engaging as well. I have been recommending them to anyone I can.

It is so important for our children and grandchildren to have solid and positive role models these days. A great series for reading time with younger generation.

All of these books are engaging and inspiring; used these for K historical figures, black history- they are wonderful stories and I hope to see more of them.

The 2nd graders are learning about Jackie Robinson at school and I thought this would be a great way to rein-force what they have already learned about him in a more comical way. Of course, they LOVE it! Like Meltzer's other books in the series, he has placed fun in history where children puts laughs in the equations of learning history. What a wonderful as always, and bravo for Meltzer. I will continue to purchase more of this series as I have already have a library of them and can't wait until the new ones comes out.

I read this book myself before wrapping it for my grandson. The words and pictures were easy to understand and so cute, whimsical! Children really enjoyed hearing grandma read it to them. Easy for them to really understand the true story. The pages are heavy and won't tear easily. The hardback protects the book.

These books are what have been missing from every kids library. They are fantastic! The illustrations and stories are great. They let kids know that you do not need super powers or anything to achieve great things, all you need is hard work and determination.

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