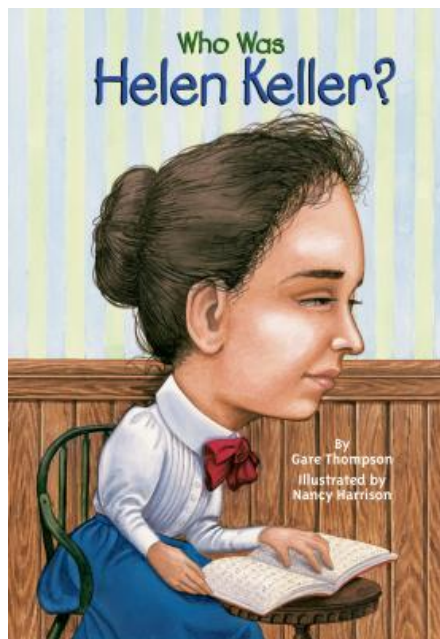




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Elsa R says

I loved this book. It was amazing for non-fiction! If you want to start reading some non-fiction books I would totally recommend this book to you. This series is better than any non-fiction books I've read. Helen Keller was a blind and deaf girl who turned out to be an author and world traveler.

Haruna Saka says

-Grosset & Dunlap, Level:3.4

Time:12/4=20min,12/5=9min,12/6=60min,12/7=23min

-7words summary: deaf-blind-meet-teacher-move-Boston-novel

-Discussion Questions

1. If you were Hellen Keller, would it be possible to move to somewhere far away from your parents even with a teacher?? Why? Why not?

A. If I were blind and deaf like Hellen, it would be impossible...even If the teacher like Annie helped me. I really like my family. Now, I don't live with them, but I miss them so much:(That's why impossible... But, if it were better in order to get new life like not disabled people, there would be a possibility to move to somewhere.

2. If I were Hellen's parent, what would you think about her when she became blind and deaf??

A. Let me see,,, it's a little difficult. To be honest, at first I'd feel hopeless. It is because I wouldn't expect like that situation. However, to be blind and deaf is not unhappy but inconvenience. So, I'd accept the condition and love her as much as not disabled people!!! Because she would be my daughter.

Hellen Keller... Everyone has heard the name at least 1 time. She is very famous as a deaf and blind. When I went to Boston, I went to a facility which is related to Hellen Keller. Then I wanted to know about her in detail. So I'm very happy to be able to read about her!!!! I want to study about deaf (and blind) culture more and more:)) I mean American Sign Language!!!

Yuka Honda says

Title-Who Was Helen Keller?

Time-1/5=70min,1/6=20min

7words-smart,fever,deaf-blind,touch,Annie,Perkins School,famous

Discussion Question-

1. Q. She could not see,hear and speak. If you are deaf and blind, what do you feel?

A. If I'm a deaf and blind, I will lost power to live.

2. Q. What do you think how does she communicate with other people?

A. According to this book, she learned manual alphabet. She understood many words by touching her hands,finger and lip.

When I went to Boston, I met deaf and blind people. I was surprised that there are many deaf and blind all over the world, and I tried to learn about Helen Keller. I read about her and I went to Perkins School for the blind. Now, there are not to know about her, so I want to learn about her, and when I go to Boston again someday, I want to travel many places where she lived in.

Luke Ewell says

Helen Keller had lots of tantrums as a kid. She became sick at two and as a result she couldn't see or hear and she didn't know how to speak because she was so young when it happened. She became famous for learning how to read and write.

Allison DeMeo says

Personal Reaction: I liked how they made it into a chapter book. It made it more interesting for a younger student to read because it wasn't just facts about this person's life. They told the whole story and even had pictures!

Purpose:

Read Aloud- As a teacher I would read this book out loud when we learned about Helen Keller in the classroom. Expressing who Helen Keller was to the students is important. This shows them perseverance. This book would be easy for them to follow if someone was reading out loud so they could understand more in depth about her life.

Independent Read- This could be for 2-4 grade students. It had big text so it was a fast book. But learning about Helen Keller is a lot to grasp in one setting. She was such an extraordinary figure to the world and it would be a good book to recommend to a student that was struggling. Or if you had a blind/deaf student in your class... They could get a audio book or brail to read this and it could inspire them.

Yuki Kodama says

I read this book about 70 minutes.

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7 words summary

deaf, blind, silence, darkness, Annie, effort, famous

Discussion Question

Q1.1. Have you ever seen blind and deaf people?

-Yes, when I went to train station, I met blind and deaf person at first. There were many ideas which is easier to use in her office and I was surprised that she communicate with people to use sign language.

Q2. Have you met a super teacher, like Annie?

I think all nufs teachers(delt teachers) are super! They're very kind and have a strong heart!

Laura says

She is amazing and has proven to the world.

Mariyahcarey says

i thought that this book was beyoned amaizing and i think if those of you who are interested in helen keller and want to know about her i would say to read this book

Montzalee Wittmann says

Never a dull story

Told in a wonderful way that gives great insight into the personal lives of Helen and Annie. Good book to show what they both went through.

Ellyse Hampshire says

Helen Keller has always interested me because of her remarkable progress and journey from complete disaster to a composed woman who greatly contributed to society. I've read several books on her, but I choose this particular one because of the "Who Was" series, and it's accessible format.

I really appreciated how the book used very thoughtful accounts of Keller's journey, and how the book stuck to the facts. I also love how this series incorporates relevant topics in the sidebars to help students get a well-rounded idea of how all the pieces of this puzzle fit together. If they understand that she used a different type of book to read, but didn't understand what Braille was, there would be disconnect. As a teacher, connecting real life examples and facts to the story of Helen Keller is an important aspect of a book that I would look for when choosing a book for my classroom.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book and the perspective it gave on Helen Keller's life, while incorporating some really neat facts and information on how her life was. Definitely a book, and a series, that I would use in my classroom to teach biographies.

Isobel says

It was really good. I thought it was really good because it shows blind and deaf people aren't just people would try . Hellen Keller kept trying to read write and try to talk.

Rita says

This book as very informative about Helen Keller and Annie. I am most llikely going to read one of Helen's books in the future. I am really interested in Helen Keller and howshe survived.

Author Groupie says

As mentioned in a previous post, my daughter and I (and now hub) are addicted to the Who Was/Is? series of young reader books. This past weekend while frozen in we read Gare Thompson's Who Was Helen Keller?, illustrated by Nancy Harrison. I knew Keller was deaf and blind and that a devoted teacher, Annie Sullivan, was able, after much perseverance, to open the world to Keller. Yet, I had no idea of the numerous obstacles Sullivan and Keller conquered together until Sullivan's death in 1936 as well as the history behind schooling for deaf children. Go Gallaudet!

What amazed me probably more than anything else is how, in order for Keller to be able to learn at Radcliffe, Sullivan had to spell every lecture into Keller's hand. Every lecture . . . Yet, their combined efforts prevailed, and Keller graduated from Radcliffe in 1904 with honors. What an amazing lesson to be learned by all less-than-motivated learners.

HelenKellerquote

What amazed my eight-year-old daughter was how Keller had met every president from Cleveland to Kennedy.

Not only an ideal chapter book to use in teaching students how to overcome adversity, but also ideal in discussions about interacting with people whom are different than ourselves. For in chapter 9, we learn, "The girls were friendly [at Radcliffe], but many did not know what to say or how to act around Helen" (87).

Unfortunately, the English teacher within must mention the dreaded typo found on page 92, "The book also revealed Helen's wonderful imagination ad [sic] how she pictured her world." What is nice to note is that my squirt noticed the error, too, in her reading. Yessssssssssssssss!

Who Was Helen Keller? just may be a contender for my daughter's next book selection for Book Club Babes as they will be exploring the biography genre.

Crys says

This is a biography about Helen keller starting at the age of two when she went death and blind from an illness. In time Helen had learned to communicate on her own through sighn language and her family adapted to it, but she also became hard to handle. Her father was cosidering putting her away but the teaching of Annie saved her from that. Annie had been a girl attending the school for the blind and first was clueless how to teach helen. Helen would throw tantrums and Annie had to keep trying. One day Helen had a break through, Annie spelled the word water into helens hand and had her feel it she then figured out the association of the two and wanted to know more. From this point Helen became eager to learn and wanted to hear stories this was all done by the word being written into the palm of her hand. Helen and Annie then became inseperatable because Helen became so dependable on Annie. Helen ended up traveling the world, and writing a book with help of her secretaries and friends and is now famous for her accomplishments as a death and blind women of her time. This is begining chapterbook for the intermediate range, it has pictures that also tell the story of what is happening. I enjoyed reading this book and learning about a women with disabilities and how well accomplished she had become definatly important for readers to read and understand with help and confidence anyone can acheive what was beleived to be unacheivable.

Madison Hays says

Who Was Helen Keller, written by Gare Thompson, is a non-fiction chapter book that provides insight into the life of Helen Keller. Imagine being blind. It would be tough, wouldn't it? Now.... Imagine being blind AND deaf. This is how Helen Keller lived her life. She was in complete silence and darkness. She struggled for a very long time to try and live a normal life but she could not do it without the help of her teacher Annie Sullivan. This story shows you how Helen Keller came to read, write, and travel the world; despite her obstacles. As you read you feel like you are experiencing a day in the life with Helen Keller and it is truly inspiring to all readers.

The illustrations in this story are sketched in black and white and placed throughout each chapter. They look like cartoons and it helps younger readers have a visual of what they are reading. Throughout the story there are spreads that go into more depth on important people or subjects that were barely explained in the chapter. This book is written in third person. It explains Helen's life yet also tells how she was feeling during many important moments. The story is in order and it is simple to read with big font and easy words. This chapter book simplifies the complex subject of being blind and deaf and it allows children to get some great insight on this inspirational woman. Since chapter books are not normally for young readers, the illustrations and page breaks really help them digest the information. Overall, this book is perfect for children ages 12-15.