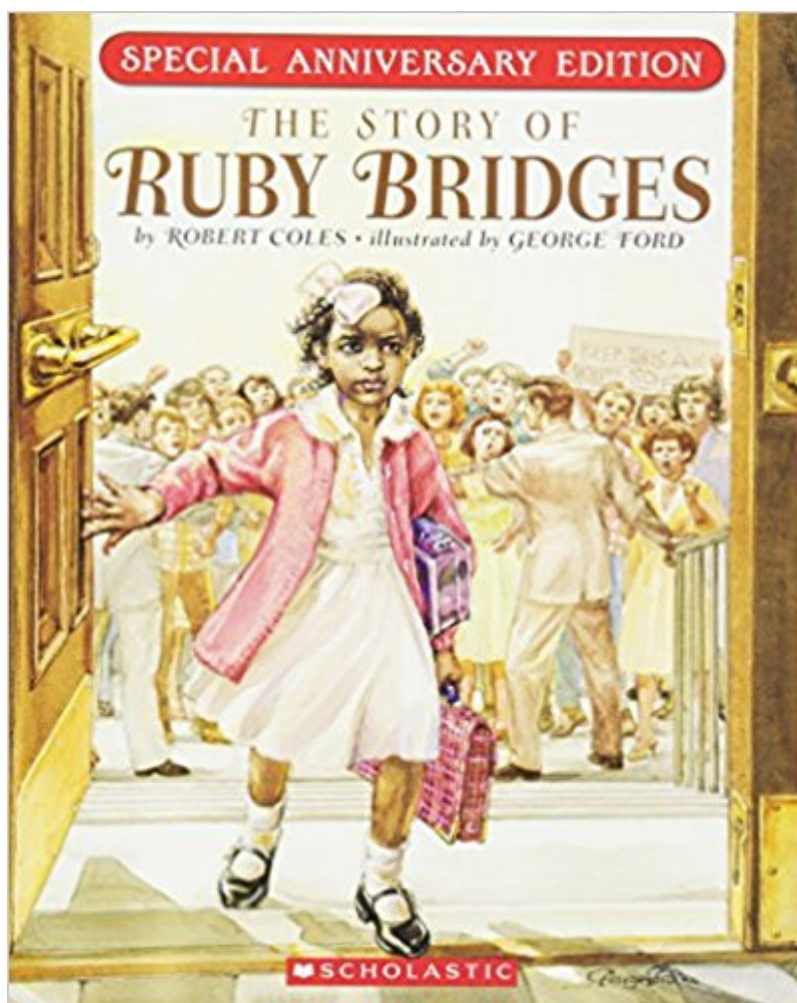


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The Story Of Ruby Bridges: Special Anniversary Edition



Synopsis

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first African American child to integrate a New Orleans school with this paperback reissue! The year is 1960, and six-year-old Ruby Bridges and her family have recently moved from Mississippi to New Orleans in search of a better life. When a judge orders Ruby to attend first grade at William Frantz Elementary, an all-white school, Ruby must face angry mobs of parents who refuse to send their children to school with her. Told with Robert Coles' powerful narrative and dramatically illustrated by George Ford, Ruby's story of courage, faith, and hope is now available in this special 50th anniversary edition with an updated afterword!

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Customer Reviews

Ruby Bridges was the sole African American child to attend a New Orleans elementary school after court-ordered desegregation in 1960. Noted research psychiatrist Coles tells how federal marshals escorted the intrepid six-year-old past angry crowds of white protestors thronging the school. Parents of the white students kept them home, and so Ruby "began learning how to read and write in an empty classroom, an empty building." Although there are disappointingly few words from Ruby herself, Coles's use of quotes from her teacher adds to the story's poignancy ("Sometimes I'd look at her and wonder how she did it.... How she went by those mobs and sat here all by herself and yet seemed so relaxed and comfortable"). The story has a rather abrupt ending; the concluding page

reprints the prayer that Ruby said daily, asking God to forgive the protesters. Coles cursorily finishes the tale of Ruby's unsettling year in an afterword (two boys and then the rest of the students returned to school; the mobs dispersed by the time Ruby entered second grade). Ford (Bright Eyes, Brown Skin; Paul Robeson) contributes affecting watercolors that play up Ruby's moral courage. Ages 5-9. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ages 5-9. Sustained by family and faith, one brave six-year-old child found the strength to walk alone through howling protesters and enter a whites-only school in New Orleans in 1960. Ruby Bridges did it every day for weeks that turned into months. The white parents withdrew their kids, and Ruby sat alone with her teacher in an empty classroom in an empty building and learned her lessons. Harvard professor Cole has written powerful adult books about children in crisis and about children's moral and political lives. Here he tells one girl's heroic story, part of the history of ordinary people who have changed the world. He tells it quietly, as an adult, and the simplicity is moving, though kids might want some indication of Ruby's personal experience, what it was like to be her. Ford's moving watercolor paintings mixed with acrylic ink are predominantly in sepia shades of brown and red. They capture the physical warmth of Ruby's family and community, the immense powers against her, and her shining inner strength. Hazel Rochman --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great children's story about an important time in our nation's history and overcoming adversity. While the topic is heavy (segregation), the main character is a very young girl. If she could live through the horrors of being called names only due to the color of her skin and belittled as a first grader and still show kindness to those who tried to oppress her, I felt my 7 year old niece should be able to handle reading it. It is presented very well and in terms children can understand without being scared. It is also a great chance to have a teaching opportunity. We must teach our young people history lest it repeat itself! There is also a very well made and kid friendly movie about the topic that is available on .

When I read this to my third grader, he said, "It makes me want to go to school and work harder." He happens to be a child who has difficulty in school and receives special services. This book was well-written and inspirational. A great read for children and adults to enjoy together.

I teach 5th grade, and the Civil Rights Movement is a part of our curriculum. This book takes a moment in American history and makes it relatable to students who could not imagine a classroom different from the ones they inhabit.

My granddaughter listened to this amazing story on Starfall, her educational program online--the story of integration of elementary schools in the South, in the 1960's. I bought a book for each granddaughter, and one for our church library. I am so glad my granddaughter met the story before I did--it speaks well for her education on the topic of human rights. Since the story focuses on a child, it is uniquely interesting to a small child, who can identify with Ruby Bridges' experience. The book is an excellent springboard for discussion with your child, or grandchild.

I downloaded this book due to my niece needs to read three books during the summer for school. I love the fact the availability for her to be able to read them.

Excellent story about an important event in history. Every child should read about Ruby Bridges. My students were captivated by her story. She has a book out as well and I also read aloud an excerpt from her book. We were doing compare/contrast, autobio and bio. The students were completely engaged.

I am so glad to find this. Robert Coles, a distinguished psychiatrist, teacher and humanitarian, returns to the true story of Ruby Bridges. He witnessed first hand as a young Air Force doctor in Louisiana in the late 50's and 1960 the event he writes about. He often spoke about Ruby in articles and lectures and now late in life he returns to tell is simply and truthfully--how Ruby's faith in a loving God gave her the strength, peace and dignity to face down oppression. Ruby was and is a true hero of change, civil rights, faith, hope and love.

A wonderful story of a very strong little girl and an empathetic first grade teacher who helped in the breaking of the cruel segregation laws in New Orleans!!

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