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# Frederick's Journey: The Life Of Frederick Douglass (Big Words)



## Synopsis

Frederick Douglass was born a slave. He was taken from his mother as a baby, and separated from his grandparents when he was six. He suffered hunger and abuse, but miraculously, he learned how to read. Frederick read newspapers left in the street, and secretly collected spellings from neighborhood children. Words, he knew, would set him free. When Frederick was twenty, he escaped to the North, where he spread his abolitionist beliefs through newspaper articles, autobiographies, and speeches. He believed that all people-regardless of color or gender-were entitled to equal rights. It is Douglass's words, as well as his life, that still provide hope and inspiration across generations. In this installment of the critically acclaimed Big Words series, Doreen Rappaport captures Frederick's journey from boy to man, from slavery to freedom, by weaving Frederick's powerful words with her own. London Ladd's strong and evocative illustrations combine with the text to create a moving portrait of an extraordinary life. Praise for the Big Words series: Martin's Big Words\* 2002 Caldecott Honor Book\* 2002 Coretta Scott King Honor Book\* Child Magazine Best Book of 2001\* New York Times Book Review Best Illustrated Children's Book of 2001 \* "A stunning, reverent tribute." -School Library Journal, starred review Abe's Honest Words\* "Exceptional art, along with Rappaport's and Lincoln's words, makes this a fine celebration of a man who needs little introduction." -Booklist, starred review Eleanor, Quiet No More\* "Once again Rappaport celebrates a noble, heroic life in powerful, succinct prose, with prominent, well-chosen, and judiciously placed quotes that both instruct and inspire...Celebrate women in history and in politics with this picture-book life." -School Library Journal, starred review Helen's Big World\* "Stirring and awe-inspiring." -The Horn Book, starred review To Dare Mighty Things\* "[T]his lavish picture-book biography deftly captures the legendary man's bold, exuberant nature. . . . A truly inspiring tribute to a seemingly larger-than-life U.S. president." -Kirkus Reviews, starred review\* "Theodore Roosevelt's big ideas and big personality come together in this splendid picture-book biography." -Booklist, starred review\* "Concisely written and yet poetic, this is a first purchase for every library." -School Library Journal, starred review

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Beautiful book and illustrations, excellent writing, and sensitive treatment of painful but important topics. We happened on this at the library and had to get our own copy. It's gorgeous. It was tricky to find on . That's a shame bc it should be widely read!

One of the really fun things about having kids in elementary school is re-living what I learned as a child. I always loved school and have always been an avid reader. I have to admit though, I've lost some of the information learned over the years and my memory is not what it used to be! I've found that reading history with my kids helps me remember all the details as well! My kids haven't gotten to the life of Frederick Douglass yet but Frederick's Journey about his life was a great introduction and a great history re-cap for me! My kids are six and seven and this book was designed for 6 - 8 year olds so it was perfect for them. I had my seven year old read it out loud to us as part of his required reading for homework. The illustrations are beautiful and every single one looks like a work of art and is the perfect companion to the story. Once you are familiar with the story you could almost just retell it through the pictures without reading the words. This is a man whose life is an incredible story of hope and perseverance. He is a success story of a man born a slave who suffered for years but because of his determination to learn to read, was able to successfully live as a free man. His life is an inspiration and the type I want my children to look to for inspiration. My kids haven't learned about slavery yet so they had a lot of questions and it opened the door to some really interesting conversations. It's hard watching them learn about the ways of the world but it's a necessary evil. History is a part of the landscape of who we all are so it's important for it to be told. Frederick's

Journey is a great read, beautifully illustrated and historically informative. Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. All opinions are my own.

FREDERICKâ™s JOURNEY by Doreen Rappaport tells the inspirational true story of a slave boy who ultimately achieves freedom and spreads his abolitionist beliefs to promote change. The author skillfully weaves together a nonfiction narrative that combines Douglassâ™ life story with excerpts from his writings and speeches. Amazing illustrations by London Ladd add to the power of this important story. In addition to the narrative itself, the book also includes an Authorâ™s Note, Illustratorâ™s Note, timeline, and sources. The Big Words series is an excellent way to introduce youth to key historical figures. Librarians will find Frederickâ™s Journey to be an excellent addition. Consider creating a display that features this entire series. Incorporate a timeline that shows how the books are connected chronologically and thematically. To learn more about the author, go to <http://doreenrappaport.com/>. To learn more about the illustrator, go to <http://www.londonladd.com/>. Published by Disney-Hyperion on November 3, 2015. ARC courtesy of the publisher.

Such a treat to receive an advanced copy of this book, which is a super way to read about the life of this man and teach your children about the mark he made on American history. Beautifully illustrated!

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