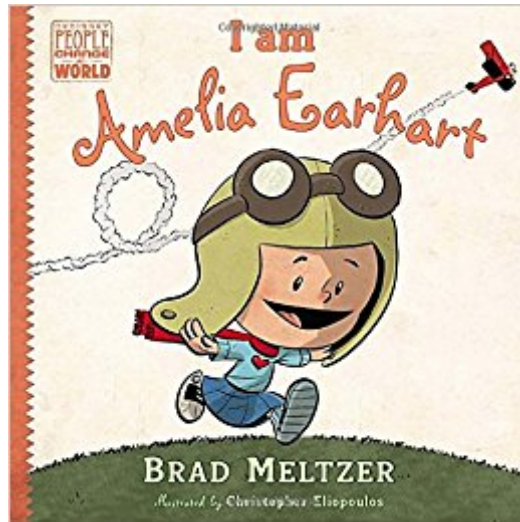




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I Am Amelia Earhart (Ordinary People Change The World)



Synopsis

We can all be heroes. That's the inspiring message of this lively, collectible picture book biography series from New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer. "Kids always search for heroes, so we might as well have a say in it," Brad Meltzer realized, and so he envisioned this friendly, fun approach to biography for his own kids, and for yours. Each book tells the story of one of America's icons in an entertaining, conversational way that works well for the youngest nonfiction readers, those who aren't quite ready for the Who Was series. Each book focuses on a particular character trait that made that role model heroic. For example, Amelia Earhart refused to accept no for an answer; she dared to do what no one had ever done before, and became the first woman to fly a plane all the way across the Atlantic Ocean. This book follows her from childhood to her first flying lessons and onward to her multi-record-breaking career as a pilot. This engaging series is the perfect way to bring American history to life for young children, and to inspire them to strive and dream.

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Customer Reviews

Brad Meltzer is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of adult thrillers (including The Inner Circle

and its recent sequel, *The Fifth Assassin*). His two nonfiction gift books, *Heroes for My Son* and *Heroes for My Daughter* were New York Times Bestsellers as well, and he has won the prestigious Eisner Award for his comic book work, *Justice League of America*. Brad is also the host of the History Channel TV show *Brad Meltzer's Decoded*.

First let me start by saying I am a huge fan of Brad Meltzer's work, and love the concept behind the *Ordinary People Change the World* book series. Though that being said I think the true genius behind this series is the stunning illustrations done by Christopher Eliopoulos. I have read *I am Abraham Lincoln* to my children about 30 times, and it never gets old. However, *I am Amelia Earhart* seems to be a bit of a miss, only in the sense that my children haven't connected with it (for reference I have a 5 year old daughter, and 3 year old son). The illustrations are cute, and the concept is sound, but the theme is never strong enough to give a satisfying beginning middle and end. There is no real conflict resolution, no true obstacle. My daughter loves the art work, but can't enjoy the book as a story. Therefore its been collecting dust for several months now. I have all the books from this series, and this is the one I have read the least. It is by no means bad though, and so much better than other books that are out there. I honestly feel that it is worth it to buy this book to support such high quality books with such charming illustrations. And despite the lack of a strong story, the book did educate my children by giving them a general overview of Amelia's life (my children were able to identify Amelia Earhart from a picture in another children's book called *Violet the Pilot*, so I guess my kids got something out of it). Still I felt the need to supplement the book with additional information about discrimination, and why she was so highly regarded when there were other women pilots back in the day.

It's my one-year-old daughter's favorite story-time book! Great story. Well done illustrations. My only complaint is I wish the pages were stronger as my daughter has destroyed our first copy. We didn't hesitate to buy another - it's that good!

My 6 year old was going to be Rapunzel for Story Book dress up day. The day before she says she wants to change her costume. Typically I'd say "sorry charlie" but she wanted to be Amelia Earheart- so guess who went out and bought a new costume. She knows Amelia thanks to Brad Meltzer. I've purchased Brad's books as gifts for friends and family. I highly recommend them.

I sat with my 8 year old grand daughter and she read the book to me. We both loved it, and we

learned a lot. It gave us an opportunity to talk about not being afraid to follow your dreams. The pictures are well done, and the writing style is excellent. I recommend the whole series.

My 3 yo son loves this book. When we first got it, we read it every night for almost 2 weeks. (He gets 3 book every night). Now, we read it about once every week. It has given me the chance to talk to him about inequality and how women, like mommy and his sister would have been treated differently just because we were not men. We also talk about going after your dream. That if he tries and practices what he wants to do, he can do it! Love this book!

My first purchase from this book series and I started out right. My 5 year old daughter loved this story and just kept asking "so this is true Mom?!?" This led to nice discussions about how she really paved the way. I appreciated the way that her disappearance was handled - as part of the timeline but not a huge major piece. Being that she's 5 years old (my daughter) - I'm okay having difficult conversations with her but don't want to put anything too super heavy on her!

My daughter's enjoyed this book and understood the message of working hard and pursuing their dreams. Highly recommended for kids.

My Girl Scout troop loves this series and really liked this book. We used it for a lesson during Women's History Month. Perfect for Daisies (K/1st) plus 2nd grade Brownies. We made and raced paper planes after we read the book then had a field trip to our local airport and checked out some planes.

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