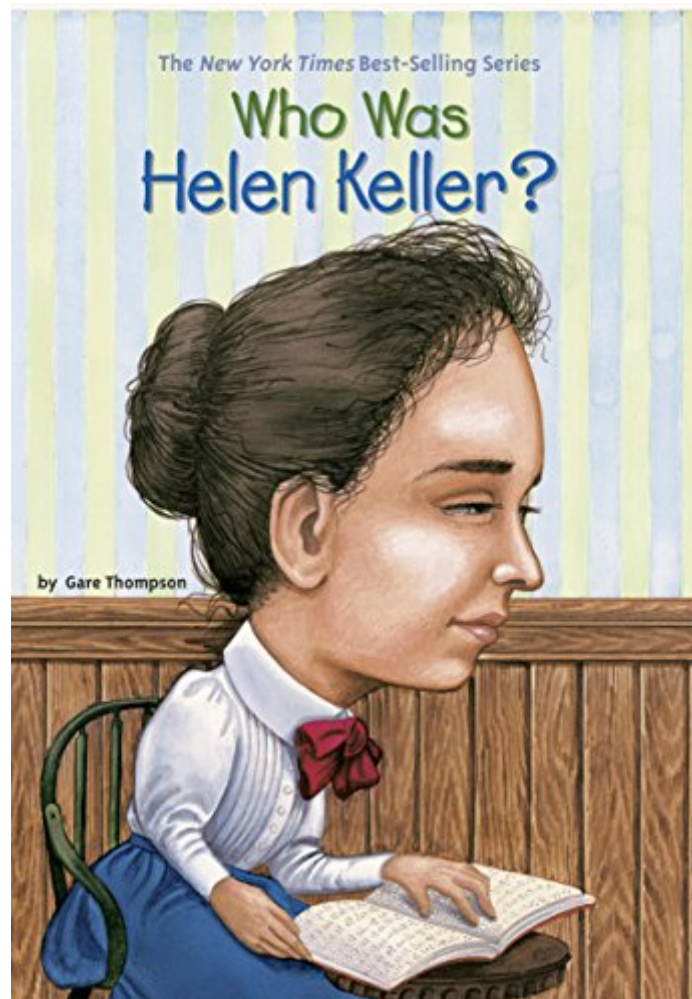




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# Who Was Helen Keller? (Who Was?)



## Synopsis

At age two, Helen Keller became deaf and blind. She lived in a world of silence and darkness and she spent the rest of her life struggling to break through it. But with the help of teacher Annie Sullivan, Helen learned to read, write, and do many amazing things. This inspiring illustrated biography is perfect for young middle-grade readers. Black-and-white line drawings throughout, sidebars on related topics such as Louis Braille, a timeline, and a bibliography enhance readers' understanding of the subject.

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## Customer Reviews

My just-turned-seven daughter and I read this book together. She could read most all of it, but as she is just getting used to reading paragraph books we took turns. The book is very well written for this age group, giving enough details, but moving the story along to keep young minds paying attention. Helen Keller has such an incredible story, and I'm glad that my daughter could learn of it now. I particularly liked the little one-page interjection pages that summarized side topics like Braille or Alexander Graham Bell. These made for good summaries with some more detail of the things in

the story without distracting from the flow. There are quite a few black and white drawings throughout that aren't particularly good, but do a good job to help a young child visualize what they are reading. I'm looking forward to more of these "Who was/were" small biographies.

These are great books. All of the Who Was books are excellent for young readers. My daughter gets very excited when she can teach us a little something about history and she seems to truly find things interesting. I think this is a great read for grades 3 and 4

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. Helen Keller quote 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. Yessssssssssssssssss! 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.

Daughter loves the book, nice addition to the "Who Was" series

Very educational for children

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