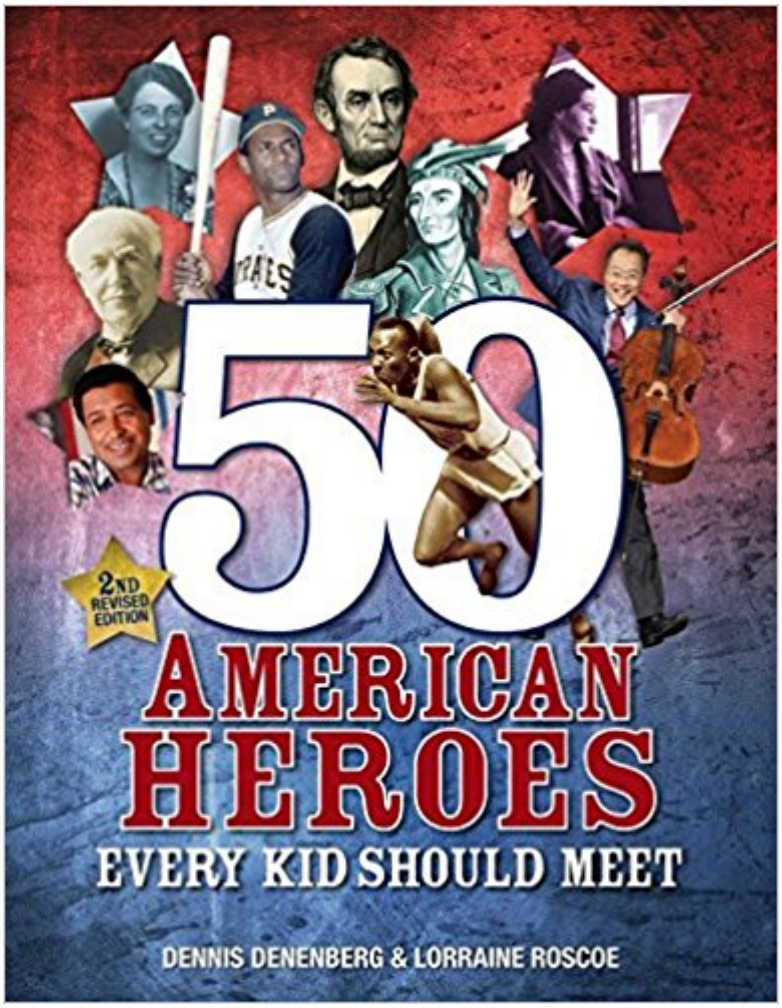
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Synopsis

Heroes come in all ages, sizes, and colors, and 50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet (2nd Revised Edition) introduces readers to a diverse cast of great Americans. The remarkable stories of fifty inspiring Americans are highlighted, from Jane Addams to Louis Zamperini. Revised in 2016 by the original authors to include ten new heroes, the book includes up-to-date websites and booklists. With the most current biographical information available, this edition is sure to inform and inspire readers.

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Dennis Denenberg received a PhD in Education from Penn State. Throughout his career in education, he has been a teacher, principal, and a professor. Dennis lives in Pennsylvania.Lorraine Roscoe is an author of books for children and young adults. She currently lives in Pennsylvania.

I am fascinated by the concept of heroes, their characteristics, why we choose who we choose, etc. Many of the personalities in Denenberg's book are unmistakable American Heroes. Others seem somewhat more obscure and may have been chosen to round-out appeal to a wider audience. The author makes a concerted effort to motivate young people to read/study about their chosen heroes. Well done.

Even though there was a real effort to present a diversified group, the book still felt unbalanced in favor of achievements made by white men. I would like to see a sequel of very important people who might not have been so well known, but were extremely important.

I am a retired middle school teacher who used several of the biographies from the earlier edition of this book in my 7th grade science classroom for a weekly activity that combined learning about science heroes, making inferences, and identifying the positive character traits promoted in my school district. I loved using this source for several reasons. First, the biographies are limited to two pages and are easy to read so we could complete the activity in just part of a class period. Volunteer students would take turns reading a biography aloud while the rest of the class made inferences about how a description in a passage illustrated a particular character trait. (They had to make inferences since a biography rarely explicitly says ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“she had the character trait of empathy.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•)I used other excellent sources as well since this book presents heroes in many areas in addition to science, but another reason I appreciated this source is the diversity of the heroes! Other sources I used contained well written biographies, but the vast majority were about Caucasian males.Following my inferences/character traits lesson activity, students who were intrigued by the biography and/or wanted extra credit (a big motivator) could follow through with the ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Explore Some MoreÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• suggestions in this book and report on what they learned.If I were still teaching, this edition would be in my classroom! I am delighted with (and helped vote for) the ten new biographies that replaced ten from the previous edition. As a lesson resource or just a book to make available to students, children, or grandchildren at home, this is a winner!

I've been a public elementary school teacher for 16 years, and I can honestly say that my students and colleagues LOVE this second edition book! The first book was used hard...in a good way! But, this newer, updated version really packs a punch. Physically, it's very attractive with lots more color. But, the best part of this book is how it encourages my students to delve deeper into the lives of heroes...REAL PEOPLE! In a world of comic strip inspired action figures and video game characters, it is refreshing to see my students wanting to learn about people who've actually made a difference in our world. The updated websites and resources in this book make it easy for kids to gather information about these true heroes. Just after a few weeks of being back in school, my non-fiction readers (especially my boys) really gravitate to this book. And the great thing that I've seen happen with many of my students is, once they spend time with 50 American Heroes, they want to learn more about the heroes they are interested in. This book encourages kids to check out MORE books in the library because they want to know about the Wright Brothers or Bill & Melinda Gates or whomever. And, as a teacher, it's a wonderful feeling to see my students making frequent

trips to the library! This second edition book is really a MUST for any teacher, parent, or grandparent who wants to inspire kids by helping them learn about real people!

I am so excited to finally have the second edition in my hands! I have used this book as a staple in my classroom to teach my students about REAL American heroes since my teaching career began 14 years ago. Unfortunately, children in this day and age are bombarded with examples of who not to be. When Dr. Denenberg wrote the original work 15 years ago, he was worried about the emphasis placed on cartoon characters in elementary classrooms, but the current replacements are far worse. Our children are all too familiar with Kardashians and famous You-Tubers, but they have no idea about the real people throughout our nation's past who have contributed selflessly for the betterment of humanity. That is why this book is SO IMPORTANT. I have used this book in my elementary and middle school classrooms as well with with my own children and will continue to do so. Our children deserve to have positive role models to help them to aspire to true greatness and this book fits this need perfectly.

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