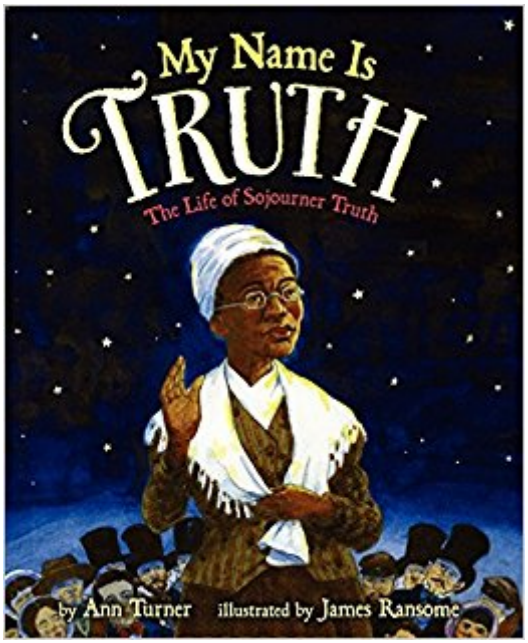
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The remarkable true story of how former slave Isabella Baumfree transformed herself into the preacher and orator Sojourner Truth, an iconic figure of the abolitionist and women's rights movements.Written in the fiery and eloquent voice of Sojourner Truth herself, My Name Is Truth will captivate readers just as Sojourner's passionate words enthralled her listeners.The text byÃ Â acclaimed author Ann Turner and the paintings from award-winning illustrator James Ransome underwent expert review by two historians of the period.This beautifully illustrated and impeccably researched picture book biography includes a detailed historical note and a list of suggested supplemental reading materials.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 1Ã¢â ¬â œ4Ã¢â ¬â •This picture book biography tackles the life of former slave and abolitionist Isabella Baumfree, better known as Sojourner Truth. Turner details the life of this pivotal figure, who was born into slavery in the late-18th century in New York, along with 11 siblings, all of whom were sold off. The account is told in first-person narrative, with Truth discussing how her different owners treated her and how she seized freedom for herself when one of them broke his promise to free her. Her journey culminated in her work as a preacher, and many spreads are dedicated to Truth

displaying her power, passion, and poise as a speaker, spreading her antislavery message wherever she went. Turner makes effective use of dialect, and the well-crafted text reads like poetry or a monologue ("'Welcome,' they said/had anyone ever said that word to me before?/and showed me a fine wide room with a white bed to sleep in/I never slept in a bed before"). Rich, painterly watercolor illustrations effectively reflect the pain of Truth's past and the lyrical nature of her narrative, while the use of different fonts highlights the most crucial parts of the narrative. Those who are already somewhat familiar with Truth will get the most out of this book, and educators will find the author's note helpful in explaining this historical figure to students. A wonderful addition to collections of African American history that will also work well as a read-aloud.Ã¢â ¬â •Samantha Lumetta, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, OH

God spoke in my heart a new name which fits me like a new dress made just for me. . . . I think with a name like Sojourner Truth a body has some respect at last. Here is the celebrated story of how former slave Isabella Baumfree transformed herself into the preacher and orator Sojourner Truth, one of the most inspiring and important figures of the abolitionist and women's rights movements. Written in the fiery and eloquent voice of Sojourner Truth herself, this moving portrait will captivate readers just as Sojourner's words enthralled her listeners. Award-winning author Ann Turner and Coretta Scott King AwardÃ¢â ¬â œwinning illustrator James Ransome have created a poignant tribute to this champion of civil rights and equality for all. Brave, determined, and deeply spiritual, Sojourner Truth and her legacy are a continuing source of inspiration for generations to come.

A very nice simplification of the historical woman's story. Well written in age-appropriate terms, but not shrinking back from talking about enslavement and the (literal) pain and angst of it.The author's lengthy note at the end made several of the parts of the story much clearer, esp. including the bit about being set free 'a year early'.An excellent addition to a well-rounded set of books for any child.

I was not happy with the choice to read to my granddaughters 2nd grade class. After reading it a few times and realizing how wonderfully it told the story for black history month! I chose to read it to my other granddaughters forth grade class as well. Both classes loved it. I will continue reading it whenever called upon or I will volunteer when needed. Great book for younger kids to get to feel what life may have been then. Thanks

Great book to introduce young children to the contributions of African Americans.

I am from the area where Sojourner Truth lived, so I am very familiar with her story. I also am very pleased that the statue was finally established in her honor...what a wonderful tribute! I plan to give the book to my eight year old granddaughter.

Purchased this for my granddaughter but recently discovered it in my daughter's sixth grade classroom! Now many who cannot afford such beautiful books can enjoy it.

Book was excellent...

Ms. Turner has written a powerful book. It illustrates Ms. TruthÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s life in a kid-friendly way. It references the fact that slaves were beaten, but emphasizes how families were torn apart and how very very hard slaves worked in bad conditions. It explains that Ms. Truth had a hard life, but she refused to let it beat her. It is an incredible story of courage and the difference one person can make if they speak up. The illustrations are very well done and compliment the text nicely.*NOTE* I got a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

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