Dolores Huerta: A Hero To Migrant Workers

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**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

In this modern world, face to face real people time is getting rare. We go about our days, doing what is required of us. Texting, facebooking, catching the latest on twitter. We are continually scrolling past feeds with stories of remarkable significance. We speed read about amazing rescues, adorable animal heroes and remarkable people. This past Friday I was able to freeze time and get some amazing everyday people to come into our school and tell their stories. The thing about people is they all use real words to describe emotional experiences. Each experience is unique and then
when its shared with a sense of purpose and accomplishment it develops into a story. Every time we share our stories with others, one person may find a word or a phrase that turns on that brain bulb and attempts to make sense of this crazy world. It all started with this book. I was looking for an author to bring to school to celebrate our Read Across America event. I googled upon a book called Dolores Huerta; A Hero to Migrant Workers, by Sarah Warren. The way the text was written attracted me to the authors website. I read about her ten year journey to write a children’s book about an inspiring woman who did great and wonderful things for her community. It beckoned me to want to find our local heroes and tell their stories. Over the course of a year I was able to ask around and invite seven everyday people who did or do amazing things that can empower the rest of us to find our own "super"powers. This simple book about an amazing woman inspired me to plan this event for our students. It was a powerful learning experience for everyone involved regardless of their ages. Allowing each listener to discover their own potential to be a hero.

I have intentionally tried to fill my daughters' bookshelves with stories of outspoken champions of human rights - stories about Civil Rights leaders and labor leaders, for instance, from Sojourner Truth to Cesar Chavez to Mahatma Gandhi. Unfortunately, my daughters (ages almost seven and almost five), living perhaps too privileged a lifestyle, don’t always seem to connect much with most of these stories. I was pleasantly surprised, then, that they connected with this book. I expected more of a "Oh, Mommy’s trying to teach us something again" sort of reaction. I think the hook to this story is how Ms. Warren starts off with Dolores Huerta as a teacher of children who come to school hungry, sick and shoeless. While they might not be able to connect with adult labor leaders, they were fascinated - appalled - by children having to go to school sick and not having enough to eat. Naturally, their first question was, "Why don't their mommies feed them better and take them to the doctor?" On the very next page we learn why not - they can't. Even after working all day in the grape fields, the parents don't have enough money for basic necessities because they get paid too little. I think this might have finally awoken my daughters’ inner radical, as they became quite angry at "the bosses". It was an interesting reversal for me (an avowed radical) to play devil’s advocate and take the bosses part: "Would you pay more of your money for the same fruit so that the workers could earn more?" Of course they said they would, so we had an interesting talk about budgets and the economic reality that there is a limit to one’s income. This is an excellent book to read with children of all ages.

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