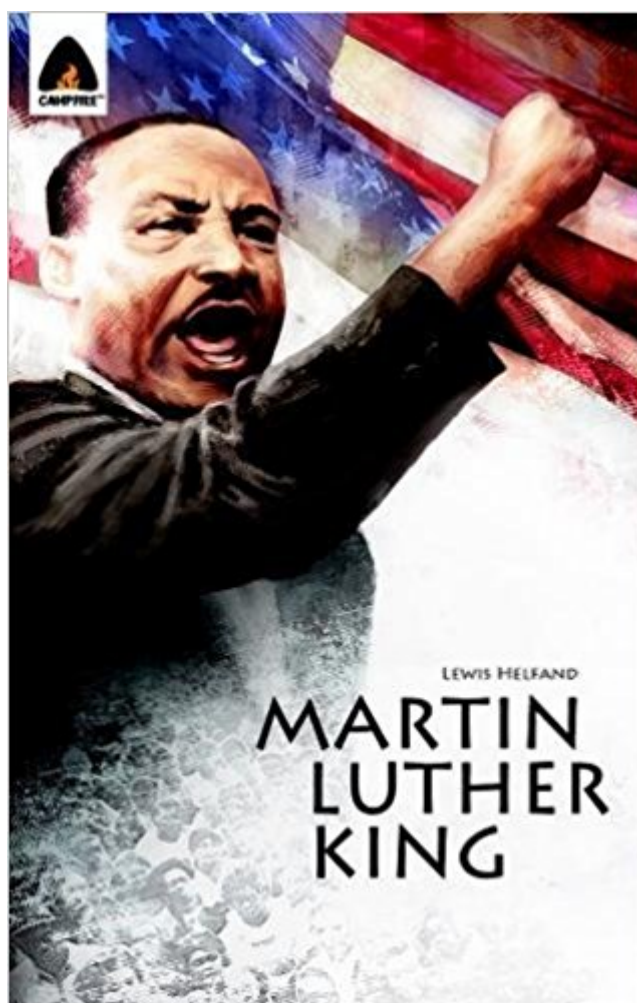


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Synopsis

Not even half a century ago America was segregated, when everything depended on the color of one's skin. Access to schools, restaurants, parks, buses or even water fountains was segregated. And born into this segregated world was Martin Luther King Jr. The son of a black preacher, King was taught from a young age that he was equal. He deserved the same rights and freedoms as anyone. He dreams of a nation where people are not judged by the color of their skin but by their character. And he believed that dream could one day become reality. Armed with one the nonviolent teachings of Ghandi and a staunch belief that all men and women were created equal, Martin Luther King Jr. stepped to the forefront of the Civil Rights movement. Through a series of peaceful protests and marches, King captured the attention of the world... and changed the lives of millions of Americans forever.

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Gr 5-9-This book covers most of the high points of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and explains his role in shaping American history. However, some information has been omitted, such as the fact that he was not "Martin Luther" at birth but was given that name as a child when his father renamed both of them at the same time. Kumar's photorealistic illustrations are colorful, but his use of shadowing is sometimes excessive to the point of being distracting. The book would be most useful for reluctant readers who would like to learn more about King's life and understand why he is considered a hero. A foldout time line called "From Chains to Freedom: Black Emancipation in America" runs from

slavery in the 1600s to the beginning of Barack Obama's presidency in 2009.-Andrea Lipinski, New York Public Library (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

This graphic-novel biography of Martin Luther King Jr. packs a surprising amount of information into a slim package. It begins with King's birth, then covers some background on his parents and youth in Atlanta, his education and mentors, and his many years leading and organizing the civil rights movement. It also includes a four-panel fold-out time line of black emancipation in America. While the art is decent and the text is very informative, the whole would have benefited from balancing out its ratio of words to drawings. Also, a bibliography or a list of titles for further reading would have been especially welcome since there are some unsubstantiated anecdotes about King's motivations for becoming involved with the civil rights movement (for example, a story of King being forbidden from playing with a white neighbor boy when the two are about to start elementary school). Overall, while not particularly fresh or exciting, this volume offers a decent summary of King's life in graphic format. --Candice Mack

Written by Michael Tettelbaum and Lewis Helfland, and illustrated by Naresh Kumar, the text properly covers the most important events in MLK's life, includes his parents' influences, and his everlasting legacy. Although this text is not to replace a comprehensive biography about MLK, it is certainly a motivator. The only slight I find with these Campfire texts, particularly when it comes to biographical material, is the lack of material with a table of contents and text features that can aide students' reading comprehension skills. It would be good if Campfire could make chapters for these texts since organizing large amounts of content is helpful for students' retention of details, facts, and events. The other slight is that some of the documents written by him, such as the Letter from Birmingham Jail, deserved an entire page or two, rather than the small panels given to them. The book does have a beautifully designed timeline titled "From Chains to Freedom" at the end of the book. The language used in the text suggest that this is good for sixth to eighth graders and above.

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