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Journeys for Freedom: A New Look at America's Story

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Reading Level: Intermediate, Young Adult
Rating: Excellent
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Buckley and Leacock share twenty stories of struggles for freedom--some successful, some not. And though the title proclaims these struggles are part of America's story, there are many stories that are only peripherally “American.” This is not a failing, as it makes the book more inclusive for readers from all backgrounds.

From Deborah Sampson, who dressed up as a boy to fight in the Revolutionary War, to Isi Veleris, who survived the holocaust, this book is full of stories of courage, strength and vision.

Numbers in the text correspond to places on the Prato's illustrations and maps and help readers follow the physical journeys of the stories.

This book is an excellent addition to a classroom or home library, especially for those who wish to teach their children early on the price and value of freedom.