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Profiles #6: Peace Warriors

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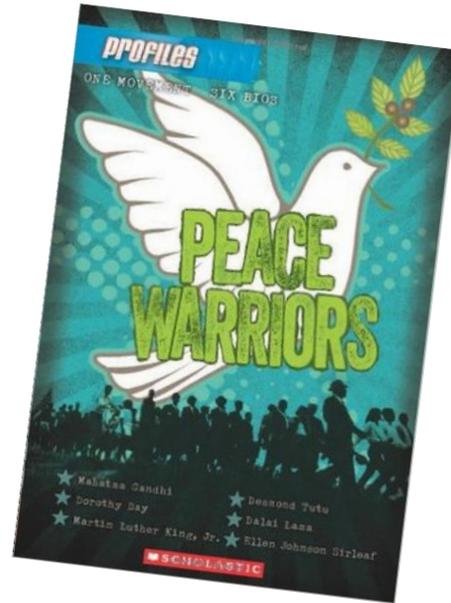
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Book Review

Title: Profiles #6: Peace Warriors
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Interest Level: Intermediate, Young Adult
Rating: Outstanding



Review

Peace Warriors is a compilation of six biographies of social activists who sought to bring about positive change during difficult times using peaceful means. Presented in chronological order, the biographies include the following people: Mahatma Gandhi (1869), who promoted racial equality and political independence in India; Dorothy Day (1897), an American journalist and pacifist who helped the poor and homeless; Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929), leader of the American civil rights movement; Desmond Tutu (1931), a South African man who worked to end apartheid; the 14th Dalai Lama (1935), who has advocated harmony among religions in Tibet; and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (1938), the first female president to be elected in an African country. Each biography covers major events from the lives of each individual, starting from early life, and specifically emphasizes their roles in promoting the peace movement.

Presented in easy-to-read language, this book is a wonderful and very well-written compilation. Each biography could easily stand alone (for example, if someone is interested in studying the life of just one of these individuals), but presented together, it paints a beautiful picture of how these individuals' beliefs and actions promoted the peace movement as a whole. The author seems to have selected just the right amount of information for each biography, making sure that they are thorough and yet still concise, and the format of the book also greatly enhances it. For example, there are bright-colored borders on every page (a different color for each biography), a short summary at the beginning of each biography, several section titles throughout each chapter, many labeled photographs throughout, and back matter which includes a timeline, glossary, bibliography, and index. This book is ideal for students who are doing biographical reports or simply those who are interested in learning about these important and inspirational historical figures.

*Contains mild violence - the murders of Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. are briefly mentioned.