“Let the children march,” Dr. King encouraged, hoping peaceful protests would lead to change. So they did. The children marched. Police brought out high-pressure hoses and attack dogs, jailing hundreds of children in an effort to crush their protest. But courageous children kept marching, singing anthems of freedom even as they were jailed and abused. Their march made a difference. On the tenth of May in 1963, desegregation in Birmingham, Alabama began.

Powerful and moving – this book remembers the child crusade and their peaceful march for freedom. Told from the prospective of a young African-American girl, this book brings the hard past of segregation down to children’s understanding. It shows the long fight for freedom and equality through the story of the Birmingham Children’s Crusade. With rich colors and a cultural style that accompanies the story seamlessly, the paintings are simply beautiful. Accurate historical information and skillful illustrations make this book a perfect read to bring history to the classroom or the home.

*Contains mild violence