

## **I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed The World (Young Readers Edition)**

**Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick**

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Life was nothing but the ordinary for 15-year-old Malala Yousafzai. Malala's parents were strong supporters of girl's education and always encouraged her to study and become educated. So much so, that her father founded a school for girls. One day that all changed. Most people wouldn't dare to go against the will of the Taliban but not Malala. On her way to school, her bus was stopped by the Taliban, and demanded to see Malala because of her activism regarding female education. Unfortunately, she was shot and had severe injuries but that still was not enough to put Malala's aspirations down. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 and hasn't stopped empowering women since.

Malala's bravery and courage is truly admirable. The naiveness of the way Yousafzai has narrated her experiences and the simplicity is what makes this book extraordinary. Her passion for women's education radiates to the audience throughout the whole book and moves them. Her hard work and ability to bounce back at her fullest after being put down is something that I feel that we can all learn from. Her never ending efforts and dedication to her mission is why she is the youngest person ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. All things considered, Malala's powerful story shows her audience how much change ordinary people like us can bring into the world if we believe in ourselves.

I would recommend this book to ages 9 and above as this is the Young Reader's Edition and the vocabulary is pretty simple but it makes a great blend when combined with the intense storyline. This book would make a perfect gift to anyone who likes auto-biographies, inspirational stories, or is just curious about how to make a difference in the world!

### **Recommended Titles:**

- "Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice" by Phillip Hoose
- "Purple Heart" by Patricia McCormick
- "Resistance" by Jennifer Neilsen
- "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas" by John Boyne