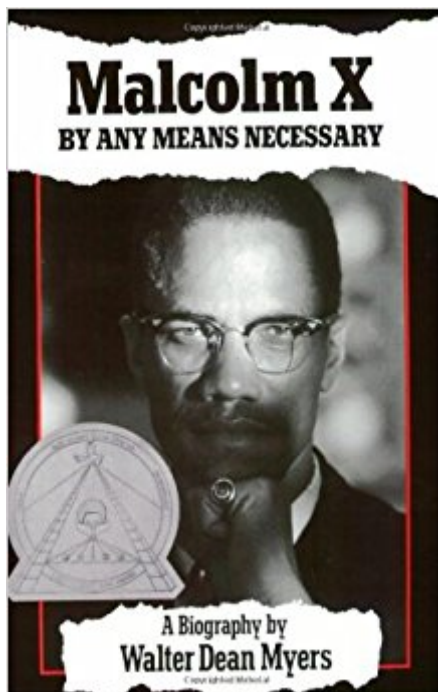


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# Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary



## Synopsis

This text profiles the late African American leader, providing a startling picture of the life of the controversial and important historical figure.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"[Myers] seamlessly fuse[s] historical notes on the era with the activist's story... [a] carefully researched portrait of a deeply devoted individual," said PW in a starred review. Age 10-up.-- seamlessly fuse[s] historical notes on the era with the activist's story... [a] carefully researched portrait of a deeply devoted individual," said PW in a starred review. Age 10-up. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 5 Up-- Myers organizes Malcolm X's life into four stages: his childhood; his adolescence; his period of working under Elijah Mohammad; and his life after breaking with the Nation of Islam. Throughout, his experiences and actions are presented in a broader social context, from the beliefs of Marcus Garvey, who exerted such an influence upon Malcolm's parents, to the culture of adolescent black males in the 1930s and 1940s, to the contrasts between the Nation of Islam's views and those of Martin Luther King, Jr, with all the shadings in between. The author discusses the evolution in Malcolm's character, as his belief in Islam gradually taught him that not all whites

were the enemies of African-Americans. He strikes a good balance between his subject's personal life and broader social issues and movements. Myers does not judge whether or not Malcolm X's views were better than those of King, but rather shows how both appealed to specific audiences and contributed to the struggles of the 1960s. Surprisingly, though, there is very little discussion of current controversies that have emerged from the two points of view. Black-and-white photographs and a reproduction of a page from Malcolm's extensive FBI file help readers to visualize the key personages and events in America's past. Myers's evenhanded approach will provoke thought and discussion among reluctant readers, who may find Jack Rummel's fact-laden *Malcolm X* (Chelsea, 1989) slow going. --Lyn Miller-Lachmann, Siena College Library, Loudonville, NY Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Bought this to read with my 6 year old and it is amazing. In public schools all you really here about is MLK so I was really eager to teach him about other revolutionaries in a child friendly way but without sugar coating the freedoms that we had to fight for. It's a great book to teach self confidence in our African American children as well as to get other cultures to understand different African American civil rights fighters.

My son and I discussed the civil rights movement at length and when his teacher wanted the class to do a report on a civil rights activist, I wanted him to go beyond the standard MLK. So since he is a mature 12yr old, I read the other reviews and took a chance on introducing him to the more complex character of Malcolm X. My son is not a big reader but this one he couldn't put down. It also gave us alot to talk about in ref to evolving as a person. Changing opinions and positions and what are the costs involved with that. I strongly recommend this book.

Bought this as a present for a friends daughter. It was enjoyed over spring break. The book used nice pictures and easy to understand wordings.

Great introduction to Malcolm X for young readers. I'd recommend it for grades three and up. Read it to my fifth graders, and they generally understood his beliefs and how his impact on the Civil Rights Movement. Myers doesn't leave out any of the controversy and gives readers the truth in an accessible way. We had several discussions about whether violence is necessary, how leaders can inspire people and how leaders can change - all still very relevant issues.

This is a good book for adolescent readers. I enjoyed it however it is meant for young adults. It lacks the detail you would find in an autobiography or a biography written for adult readers. However, very good in giving the history and general information of this man and the happenings of the era.

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What can you say about anything Malcolm X?!

I really enjoy this book. It has been a great way to introduce my students to Malcolm X. The writing is engaging and very accessible for all readers. I would definitely recommend this for teachers who are looking for books to engage reluctant readers.

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