



BOOK RESUME: THIS IS YOUR TIME

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Civil rights icon Ruby Bridges—who, at the age of six, was the first black child to integrate into an all-white elementary school in New Orleans—inspires readers and calls for action in this moving letter.

Written as a letter from civil rights activist and icon Ruby Bridges to the reader, *This Is Your Time* is both a recounting of Ruby's experience as a child who had to be escorted to class by federal marshals when she was chosen to be one of the first black students to integrate into New Orleans' all-white public school system and an appeal to generations to come to effect change.

This volume features photographs from the 1960s and from today, as well as jacket art from *The Problem We All Live With*, the 1964 painting by Norman Rockwell depicting Ruby's walk to school.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★"Powerful.... Bridges' hopeful words, her faith born of experience, are soothing and encouraging in this time of unrest and uncertainty." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★"Timely, powerful, and full of hope. This missive of truth, spoken by a true American hero, deserves a place in all libraries." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

★"Ruby experienced unimaginable racial hatred, lost her oldest son to random violence, and still advocates for positive change. Kids will relate to Ruby's stories on many levels and be inspired by the difference one little girl made. A profoundly moving book." —*Booklist*, starred review

"The juxtaposition of historical and contemporary scenes maintains a serious mood throughout, but Bridges's clear-eyed and comprehensible words ... exhort young readers to stay united and positive, serve, and "keep your eyes on the prize" to make change. A boldly written, memorably illustrated message of hope for our time, from one who has fought for social justice all her life."

—*The Horn Book*

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- SELECTION 2020 – Chicago Public Library Best Informational Books For Older Readers
- NOMINEE 2022 – Indiana Young Hoosier Book Award
- *New York Times* Bestseller
- WINNER – Children's Book Council Kids' Book Choice Award

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Ruby Bridges talks to Trevor Noah](#)
- [NPR Interview](#)
- [Book Group Guide](#)
- [This is Your Time Reader Discussion and Writing Guide](#)

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