



We March by Shane W. Evans

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*Age Range: 4-8 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

On August 28, 1963, a remarkable event took place--more than 250,000 people gathered in our nation's capital to participate in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The march began at the Washington Monument and ended with a rally at the Lincoln Memorial, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" speech, advocating racial harmony. Many words have been written about that day, but few so delicate and powerful as those presented here by award-winning author and illustrator Shane W. Evans. When combined with his simple yet compelling illustrations, the thrill of the day is brought to life for even the youngest reader to experience.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "... [a] well-told and superbly rendered book." —*School Library Journal*, **starred review**

"This makes a pivotal event in our nation's history accessible to our youngest citizens without compromising any of its power." —*Booklist*

"...there's an iconic flavor to the scenes, their streamlined compositions and simplified human figures standing in for the experience of many..." —*BCCB*

★ "Share with readers of all ages as a beautiful message about peaceful protest and purposeful action." —*Kirkus Reviews*, **starred review**

"Many young children know there was a march on Washington a long time ago and that Martin Luther King Jr. gave a famous speech that day. Some know why the march took place; fewer still know how it happened. Using a minimalist text (no more than ten words per page) as he employed in *Underground*, Evans covers the last two points." —*Horn Book Magazine*

"A moving introduction to a historic day." —*Publishers Weekly*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Jane Addams Award
- ME Cream of the Crop Master List

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- CCBC Choice (Univ. of WI)
- Capitol Choices Noteworthy Titles for Children and Teens
- *Kirkus Reviews* Best Books of the Year
- Maine Cream of the Crop Master List
- Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year
- Charlotte Zolotow Award / Highly Commended

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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