



# BOOK RESUME: I AM BILLIE JEAN KING

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

Billie Jean King is one of the best tennis players the world has ever seen. But when she was starting out, she noticed that men and women weren't being treated equally as athletes. Billie Jean knew that this was unfair, and she knew she had to change it. She fought for women in sports to get the same recognition as men, and for girls to get the same athletic opportunities as boys.

This friendly, fun biography series inspired the PBS Kids TV show *Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum*. One great role model at a time, these books encourage kids to dream big. Included in each book are:

- A timeline of key events in the hero's history
- Photos that bring the story more fully to life
- Comic-book-style illustrations that are irresistibly adorable
- Childhood moments that influenced the hero
- Facts that make great conversation-starters
- A virtue this person embodies: Billie Jean King's determination opened the door for countless other athletes.

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [TeachingBooks.net resources](#)
- [Penguin Publishing Group Series Common Core Guide](#)
- [Series Website Series Activities](#)
- [Ordinary People Change the World Series Website](#)
- [KidsDiscover.com Interview with Author](#)
- [Library of Congress Interview with Author](#)
- [National Book Festival Speech by Author](#)
- [Follett Interview with Author Part 1](#)
- [Follett Interview with Author Part 2](#)
- [Moments with Marianne Interview with Author](#)
- [Library of Congress Series Interview with Author](#)
- [Library of Congress Series Interview with Illustrator](#)
- [C-SPAN Series Interview with Author](#)

## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [Midlands School Board Reinstates Book](#)

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