



# WILLIAM 'DUMMY' HOY

Dear Parent,

Thank you for reading with your child! The Little-Known Heroes series was designed for parents and children to read together, with three purposes in mind:

- 1. For children to see heroes who look like them (or perhaps, more importantly, who don't look like them)
- 2. For children to see heroes they can emulate in real people instead of fictional superheroes
- 3. To ease the process for you and your child to discuss difficult topics

To help enrich your discussion of difficult - yet important - topics with your child, follow the QR code below or go to **thelittleknownheroes.com**. You'll find resources we've put together for you to learn more about Dummy and his story, as well as how to talk to your child about disabilities and inclusion.



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A long time ago in small-town Ohio a bunch of kids were playing baseball in a field. While baseball was a pretty new sport, it was already very popular in this little town.

Many of the players were shouting and yelling, but one boy, William Hoy, would never turn his head when his name was called. He had been deaf since he was 3 years old, which meant he couldn't hear a sound.

