

The Little-Known Heroes

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Children's Books for Societal Change

Newly Released Children's Books Series Teaches Children About the Heroes Left Out of History Books

LEHI, Utah — Two years in the making, The Little-Known Heroes children's book series is the passion project of married couple Kaushay and Spencer Ford. Together with first-time illustrator Taylor Allen, these co-authors have crafted a series that is equal parts educational, engaging, and hope-inducing.

The book series was written with three goals in mind:

1. Show heroes from marginalized, minority, or under-represented groups.
2. Give children heroes who are or were real people.
3. Inspire meaningful conversation between parents and children about difficult topics.

To accomplish these goals, volume one of the Little-Known Heroes series tells the stories of teenage civil rights activist Claudette Colvin, William "Dummy" Hoy who was a deaf major league baseball player, and Frank Emi who was a Japanese American man interned during World War II. Using stunning imagery and an easy-to-understand writing style, readers are given a glimpse of the lives of these little-known heroes in a way that invites empathy, understanding, and opens families up to having hard conversations.

Accompanying the illustrated books is thelittleknownheroes.com; the series website that contains a wealth of online resources to prepare adult readers to answer tough questions that may come up during story time.



Early readers of the series love the combination of the books and the online resources, lauding the project as something they'll "use throughout the years to start conversations young with [their] kids."

Further information on each book in the series can be obtained by contacting Kaushay Ford (kaushay@thelittleknownheroes.com).