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Dear Parents and Teachers,

Fiona and Finley are just like any modern-day kids. They help out with the family business, face struggles and triumphs at school, travel through time with important historical figures ...

Well, maybe that part's not so ordinary. At the Time Hop Sweets Shop, anything can happen, at any point in time. The family bakery draws customers from all over the map—and all over the history books. And when Tick Tock the parrot squawks, Fiona and Finley know an adventure is about to begin!

These beginner chapter books are designed to introduce students to important people in U.S. history, turning their accomplishments into adventures that Fiona, Finley, and young readers get to experience right along with them.

Perfect as read-alouds, read-alongs, or independent readers, books in the Time Hop Sweets Shop series were written to delight, inform, and engage your child or students by making each historical figure memorable and relatable. Each book includes a biography, comprehension questions, websites for further reading, and more.

We look forward to our time travels together!

*Happy Reading,
Rourke Educational Media*

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Brownies and Cake Pops, Oh My!



Finley stomped into the Sweets Shop. Dad looked up from the counter. He rolled some brownie batter into a ball and stuck a small white stick into it. “Are you okay, son?”

Finley’s little sister, Fiona, picked up the brownie ball by its stick. She dipped it in a bowl of liquid chocolate. “You want a cake pop?”

Fiona and Finley’s parents owned the Sweets Shop, a bakery with old-fashioned desserts like lemon gingerbread and plum pudding. Finley usually loved helping after school. But not today.

He shook his head angrily. “A kid at school called Sam a really bad name. Sam’s my best friend!”

“Why?” Fiona asked.

Finley frowned. “It was because Sam is African American.”

“Hmmm,” Dad said softly. “How did that make you feel?”

“I feel sad and mad! I don’t know what to do.”

The bell over the side door jingled. “Look at the time!” squawked Tick Tock, their pet parrot.

Even though he was upset, Finley still looked up. Only special visitors came through the side door.

A lady walked in. She wore a blue dress and a hat. “What’s that yummy smell?”

“Cake pops!” Fiona said. “You want one?”

“Yes, please,” the lady said. She ate the whole cake pop in one bite! She smiled at



Finley. He tried to smile back, but his mouth just wouldn't work. "What's wrong?"

Finley took a deep breath and told her about his friend.

"Sometimes it's hard to stand up for someone, but it's the right thing to do."

He nodded glumly. “I know. I was afraid.”

The lady’s face brightened. “I know just what to do.”

Suddenly, Finley recognized her. “Hey! You’re Rosa Parks!”

“Yes, I am,” she said, grinning. “Let’s travel back to Montgomery, Alabama, to December 1, 1955.”

“Hooray! A trip!” Fiona yelled. Dad waved goodbye as they walked through the side door. Tick Tock flapped his wings. The Sweets Shop began to spin and whirl like a washing machine.

The Fight for Freedom

“Ouch!” Finley said as he landed on his behind. Fiona pulled him to his feet. They stood at a bus stop. Cold air nipped Finley’s cheeks. The gray sky seemed sad.

“I’ve made up my mind,” Rosa Parks said. “Even though I’m afraid, I’m not giving in to segregation anymore.”

“What’s segregation?” Finley asked.

“In the 1950s, African-American people weren’t treated the same as white people,” Rosa explained. “We had to use separate bathrooms, drinking fountains, and schools. We weren’t allowed in certain hospitals. In Montgomery, we had to sit in the back of the



bus. We had to give up our seat if a white person asked for it.”

Fiona’s mouth fell open.

Anger welled up in Finley’s heart. “That’s not fair!”

“No, it’s not. Sometimes, we need to stand up against things that are wrong.” Rosa smiled. “In my case, I’m going to sit down.”

The bus arrived at the bus stop. Rosa climbed on the bus and sat down in the black section. Three other African-American people sat in the row next to her. Finley and Fiona sat in front of her. They twisted around in their seats so they could talk to Rosa.

At the next stop, a few white people got on the bus.



“I want those seats!” the bus driver yelled at Rosa.

The people in Rosa’s row stood up and moved to the back of the bus. But Rosa didn’t move. She slid over to the window seat.

“Get up so these people can have your seat,” the bus driver said.

Rosa stayed in her seat.

“What’s happening?” Fiona whispered.

“The more we give in, the worse they treat us,” Rosa said. “I’m tired of giving in.”

The driver marched up to Rosa. “Are you going to stand up?” he snarled.

“No.” Rosa said, quietly but firmly.

“Get off the bus!”

“No,” she said again.

The driver grabbed Rosa’s coat and tried



to yank her up.

“Leave her alone!” Finley cried.

“I’m going to have you arrested!” the driver said.

“You may do that,” Rosa answered.

No one spoke. Everyone was watching. Finley’s heart pounded so loud, he could barely hear his own thoughts. His hands squeezed into fists. How was this fair?

The driver called the police. A few minutes later, two police cars pulled up. Police officers climbed on the bus and started down the aisle.

“Are you scared?” Finley asked.

“Yes,” Rosa said. “But some things are worth being afraid for.”

“It’s not fair! You only want to sit in your seat, and now you’re going to jail!” Fiona

blinked back tears.

“I won’t be in jail for long,” Rosa said.

“Quick, take my hand.”

Suddenly, everything was spinning and whirling again.

How to Be Brave

They landed in hard wooden seats. “Oh, brother,” Finley said, holding his head. He looked around. They were in a church filled with people.

“This is an important meeting,” Rosa whispered. “We’re voting on whether to boycott the bus.”

“What’s a boycott?” Fiona asked, wrinkling her nose.

“To boycott means to refuse to do business with a company so they lose money. If the bus company wants us to ride again, they’ll have to treat us better.”

Everyone listened quietly as a young



man spoke in front of the crowd. When it came time to vote, Rosa stood up. Finley and Fiona stood up with her. A few more people stood up. Then still more. Suddenly, everyone was standing. All the people outside yelled, “Yes!”

The vote passed. The boycott was on!

After the meeting, Rosa put her hand on Finley’s shoulder. “There’s someone I want you to meet.”

The young man turned around. His brown eyes sparkled. “Hello.”

“Kids, meet Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Finley’s eyes opened wide. “You’re the famous civil rights activist! You wrote the ‘I Have a Dream’ speech that inspired the whole nation!”

Dr. King smiled. “Yes, that’s me. This is



the beginning of a civil rights movement that will make our country a better place. But right now, this is Rosa's story."

"It's getting late now," Rosa said, looking out the window. Stars winked in the night sky. "Time to get you home."

"No!" Fiona cried, tugging on Rosa's sleeve. "What happens next?"

"The boycott will last for a year. People have to walk to and from work. Many people will lose their jobs, including me."

"That's terrible!" Finley said.

"It gets worse. People will threaten us and even shoot at us. We'll be arrested, and Dr. King's house will be bombed."

"You could get hurt!" Finley said.

"It's a scary time. But we're doing something important. And it will work. On

November 13, 1965, the Supreme Court will agree with us! Bus segregation will be illegal.”

“Hooray!” Finley and Fiona yelled.

“It will take years before full civil rights will be granted to African Americans. But we’ll never stop fighting for equality.” Rosa put her hand on Finley’s cheek. “Let’s go, children. Your father will be worried.”

He wrapped his arms around Rosa. “How are you so brave?”

“You can be brave, too. I believe in you,” Rosa said as the world began to tilt and spin and whirl.

Finley and Fiona landed hard on the Sweets Shop floor. Finley jumped to his feet. He grabbed a cake pop and ate it in one bite. Just like Rosa Parks.

“You feel better?” Dad asked.

Finley nodded. He knew exactly what he was going to do tomorrow. He was ready to be brave.

About Rosa Parks

Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913. She dropped out of school in eleventh grade to care for her sick grandmother. She married civil rights activist Raymond Parks in 1932. She joined the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and volunteered as an activist. In 1945, she voted for the first time. On December 1, 1955, she refused to give up her bus seat for a white passenger and was arrested. The Montgomery bus boycott protested her arrest. On February 21, Rosa was again



arrested. The bus boycott didn't end until December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court ruled against bus segregation.

In 1963, Rosa Parks attended the civil rights March on Washington and listened to Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. In 1965, she marched from Selma to Montgomery for voter rights. In 1987, Rosa started the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development. It offered programs that helped young people continue their education. Ms. Parks worked for Congressman John Conyers for twenty years. In 1992, she published her autobiography, *Rosa Parks: My Story*. Rosa Parks died on October 24, 2005 at the age of 92. Her coffin was brought to Washington, D.C., where 30,000 people paid their respects.

Q and A with Kyla Steinkraus

When did you first want to be a writer?

I was telling stories into my mom's tape recorder when I was four. In school, I wrote stories for all my friends. In fifth grade, I wrote the Christmas play for the whole school. I've loved stories and writing since I was a little girl. By the time I was in high school, I knew this was what I wanted to do.

What do you think Rosa Parks would say to kids today?

I think she would tell kids that it's important to stand up for what's right, even when you're scared. She would say that it's important to believe in yourself, even when things seem impossible. In an interview, she said, "I was taught to believe I could do what I wanted to do in life."

Comprehension Questions

1. What is segregation?
Give three examples.
2. Why was it important for Rosa to
keep her seat on the bus?
3. What is a boycott?
Why do people boycott?

Websites to Visit

www.ducksters.com/biography/women_leaders/rosa_parks.php

<http://mrnussbaum.com/rosa-parks/>

www.kidsplayandcreate.com/rosa-parks-facts-and-quotes-for-kids-black-history-month

Writing Prompt

Rosa Parks was brave even though she was scared. Have you ever had to be brave? What happened? What were you scared of? What did you do? Would you do it again? Why or why not?

About the Author

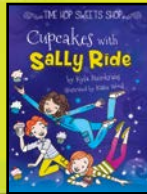
Kyla Steinkraus lives in Atlanta, Georgia with her husband, two kids, and two spoiled cats. She is the author of more than 30 kids' books. She loves writing and learning about new things. She especially loves strong women who overcome adversity. Rosa Parks is one of her heroes. When she's not writing, she enjoys board games, hiking, reading, and drawing.



Equality is for everyone.

Finley is angry and upset when one of his friends is called a bad name. Not even Dad and Fiona's cake pops can make him feel better. When Rosa Parks makes a special visit to the Sweets Shop, she knows just what to do. She whisks Finley and Fiona away on a historic journey of courage. Will Rosa Parks find the strength to change everything with one choice? And can Finley learn how to be brave?

Includes biographical information, comprehension questions, websites for further discovery, and more!



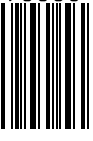
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