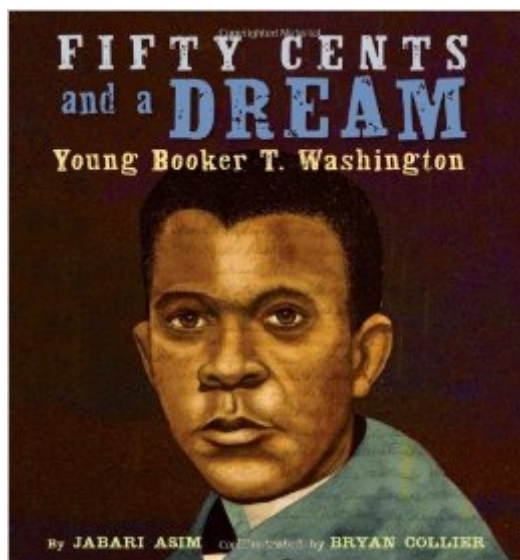


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# Fifty Cents And A Dream: Young Booker T. Washington



## Synopsis

Booker dreamed of making friends with words, setting free the secrets that lived in books. Born into slavery, young Booker T. Washington could only dream of learning to read and write. After emancipation, Booker began a five-hundred-mile journey, mostly on foot, to Hampton Institute, taking his first of many steps towards a college degree. When he arrived, he had just fifty cents in his pocket and a dream about to come true. The young slave who once waited outside of the schoolhouse would one day become a legendary educator of freedmen. Award-winning artist Bryan Collier captures the hardship and the spirit of one of the most inspiring figures in American history, bringing to life Booker T. Washington's journey to learn, to read, and to realize a dream.

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## Customer Reviews

Years and years ago, back in the early 1950s I read a short article in a small publication provided to public schools - "The Weekly Reader." This small article spoke of Booker T. Washington and his accomplishments. I remember quite distinctly that the article jumped from the pages of this reader because seldom, if ever, did this publication contain articles or stories about black people. It was simply how things were at that time, unfortunately. This fascinated me. As chance would have it our small school had a large set of books (They all had blue covers) which covered the early lives of famous people; famous men and women and how they lived as children. This also was odd

because our little school did not have all that many books. I eventually read each and every one of them, multiple times. One of those books covered the early life of this exceptional man. I read it...I was hooked. Talk about an inspiration. The book being reviewed here is at a much lower reading level than the original biography I read but that is a good thing as our children need to start learning of our history at a much younger age than in the past. This work fits in very nicely and I must say that like my book of old, it is truly inspirational. Booker T. Washington was born into slavery. Right from the beginning the ability to read and write; the learning process of doing so, became a driving force in his life; a force which would last a life time. Booker T. made a journey of over 500 miles, heading north, to seek an education. When he reached his destination he had fifty cents in his pocket. He was a black man in a world that was not overly friendly to people of his skin color. Despite the hardships and road blocks Mr.

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