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# Who Was Maya Angelou?



## Synopsis

Born in Missouri in 1928, Maya Angelou had a difficult childhood. Jim Crow laws segregated blacks and whites in the South. Her family life was unstable at times. But much like her poem, "Still I Rise," Angelou was able to lift herself out of her situation and flourish. She moved to California and became the first black and first female streetcar operator before following her interest in dance. She became a professional performer in her twenties and toured the U.S. and Europe as an opera star and calypso dancer. But Angelou's writing became her defining talent. Her poems and books, including *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, brought her international acclaim.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

I love this series! This is the first I have bought in the "who was.." series, but I am buying more. I read this book to my 5 year old daughter at bedtime, a few pages at a time, and she was captivated. We just finished it and now she is eager to read about Frida Kahlo. These books are really focused towards age 8-10, and there was some content that I chose to skip over because my 5 yo is not mature enough for it yet. But I was able to read her most of the book. We will keep it of course, and when she is older she can read the whole thing. I wanted to introduce her to the treasure that was Maya Angelou, and this book was wonderful. I also felt that, at her age, reading her a longer "big

girl" book over the course of several weeks helps build the skill of sustaining interest in a topic.

Great for book reports for the younger age. My daughter is in the 3rd grade and this book was able to be downloaded on her Kindle. She was able to do her Triarama and Book Report without a problem. Even has a timeline in the book for added help and clarity!

Love this entire series of books and plan to purchase many more. Is written to be education and informative to the younger reader. Writer gives enough detail to highlight the persons life by doesn't drag the facts out with a lot unnecessary adjectives.

excellent book , not as kid friendly as I would have liked....

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