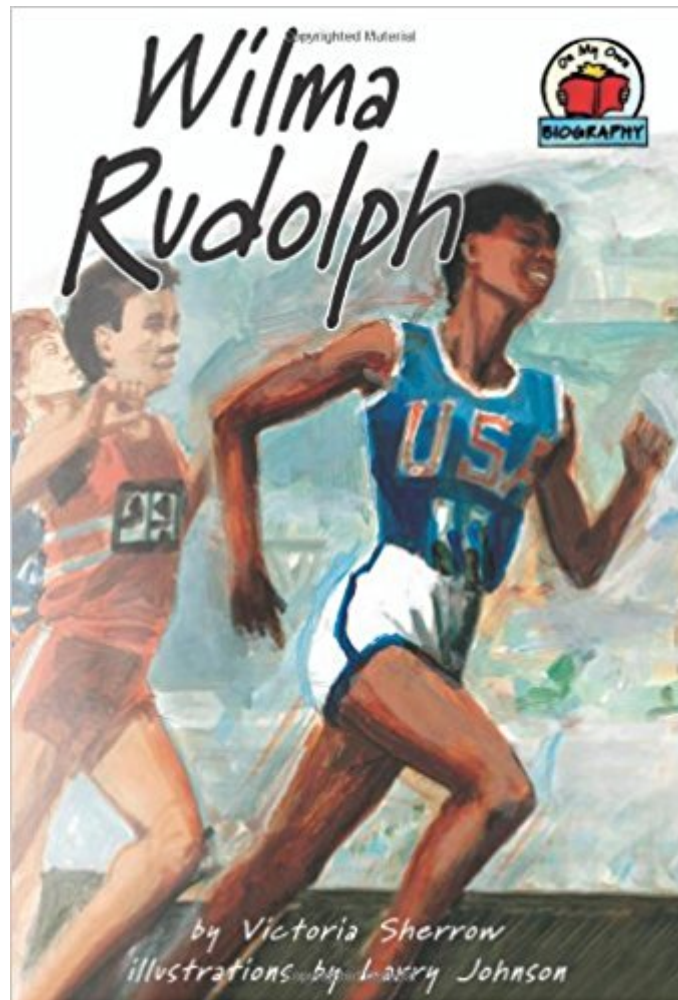




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Wilma Rudolph (On My Own Biography)



Synopsis

A biography of the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics.

Book Information

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Grade 4-6?Sherrow describes the poverty, poor health, and physical and emotional challenges that Rudolph overcame in order to succeed. However, while the world-class runner's achievements are detailed and some of her personal mistakes are mentioned, this remarkable athlete fails to emerge as a person. The last chapter, entitled "Inspiring Others," outlines the various positions the woman held in recent years and her efforts toward helping young people; it is dryly presented and not particularly inspirational. Good-quality black-and-white photographs appear throughout. A serviceable, but far-from-outstanding look at Rudolph's life.?Janice C. Hayes, Middle Tennessee State University, MurfreesboroCopyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The story begins in 1946 with six-year-old Wilma on the bus to Nashville for her weekly physical-therapy session. Weakened by polio, her leg is thin and crooked, but her family's loving

support, and her own determination enable her not only to walk and run but also to win three gold medals for running in the 1960 Olympics. This book from the On My Own Biography series has the short words and large type of a beginning reader, but the text is somewhat longer than most in that category. Sherrow tells Rudolph's inspiring story with simplicity and dignity, and Johnson's paintings expressively portray the action and emotion implicit in the text. The artwork, sophisticated yet accessible to kids, makes the book a good choice for older children reading below grade level, though the placement of the suggested grade level on the front cover may put them off. A fine addition to library collections, even those with other Rudolph biographies on the shelf. Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A good sports story in that a young woman overcomes crippling illnesses and her shyness of completing in world sporting events. Very inspirational for anyone that feels overcome by the negative situations in their lives. ARTWORK WAS GREAT ASLO..

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Good reading. enjoyed the book and great service

7 year old niece loves this book!

Wilma Rudolph's spirit is triumphantly present in this biography. Younger readers will come to admire the runner as much as the rest of us do. The vocabulary and action in this story are just right for children's early interest. Such an amazing woman -- I am glad to read such an excellent biography of her, written for young people.

Wilma Rodolph had one big problem before she became a famous Olympic runner, and that problem was that she had polio. Polio is a disease that you can die from or lose use of your legs. Wilma lost the use of her left leg only but was still in much pain. Every day, Wilma rode on a bus to a therapist to treat her leg. The bus ride took about 2 hours both ways. When this was happening Wilma was only six years old. Doctors told Wilma's parents, "She might not make it." Her parents were very upset. Wilma's family was very, very poor. Wilma wished very much that she could run like the other children at her school. But as Wilma got older (11) and she kept therapy she started to walk and run! It took Wilma along time for her to prepare but finally she won three gold medals in

the 1960 Olympics! I would recommend this book to kids that like to run.

THIS BOOK WAS INSPIRATION TO EVERY YOUNG BLACK CHILD THAT IS PURSUING TRACK & FIELD. THIS BOOK TALKS HIGHLY ON IF YOU SET YOUR MIND TO A GOAL OR DREAM STICK WITH IT WHEN NO ONE BELIEVES IN YOU BUT YOURSELF.

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