This Is Such A Wonderful Book For Children!

In this elegant pictorial biography of Martin Luther King Jr., author Doreen Rappaport combines her spare, lyrical text with King's own words for an effective, age-appropriate portrayal of one of the world's greatest civil rights leaders. From King's youth, when he looked up to his preacher father and vowed one day to get big words, too, to his death at a garbage workers strike (On his second day there, he was shot. He died.), Rappaport imbues the story with reverence. Acclaimed artist Bryan Collier depicts his subject with stunning watercolor and collage illustrations, balancing glorious recreations of stained glass windows with some of the more somber images of peace marchers and the famous bus that pitched Rosa Parks into the civil rights movement. A brief chronology and bibliography provide additional resources for readers. Here is an exquisite tribute to a world hero. (Ages 4 and older) --Emilie Coulter

My Personal Review:
Why I bought this book: A 12-year old girl asked me, Why do we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday? What did he do? Hes dead. Having lived during Dr. King's heroic years, I could not let that go! Children know about George Washington! They know about Abraham Lincoln! Martin Luther King, Jr. stands with them as a great man who changed the course of American history. I have read many, many children's books about Dr. King. None of them speak to children the way this one does. The prose speaks to children in a way that they understand. My 9-year old paid attention to the pictures and asked questions. I gave her the book as a Christmas present. Boring? No! She opened the book (because she is polite), began reading the first page, and did not stop reading until the last page. She thanked me. That has to account for something!! I have not yet discussed the book with my 12-year old, but I know that she will come away from the book with a clear understanding of why we celebrate this great man's birthday.
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