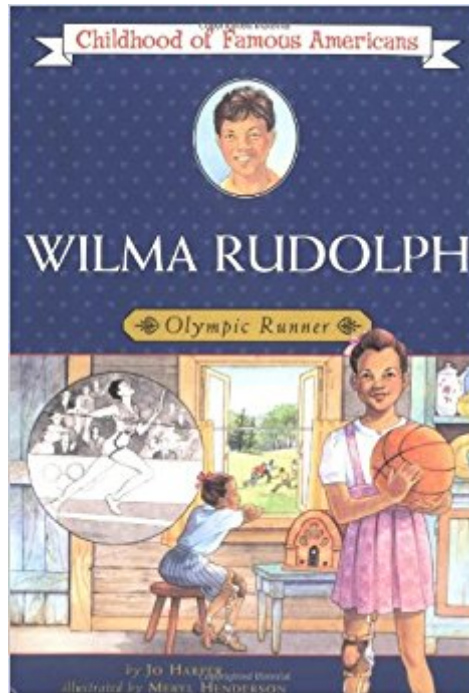




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# Wilma Rudolph: Olympic Runner (Childhood Of Famous Americans)



## Synopsis

The inspiring story of American track-and-field athlete Wilma Rudolph, who overcame childhood polio to win three Olympic gold medals, is told. Illustrations.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr. 3-6. It's a classic Cinderella story. Stuck at home in Clarksville, Tennessee, in the 1940s, Wilma Rudolph couldn't attend school. Her leg was in a brace, twisted from polio. The kids called her cripple. But she grew up to become a runner who broke world records. This title in the popular Childhood of Famous Americans series is fictionalized, but it works because it never pretends to be documented biography. The made-up details and conversations seem true to the time, as is the picture of the African American girl who fought not only illness but also poverty, racism (including the n-word), and gender barriers. Sports fans will enjoy the details of training and technique as well as the honesty about Rudolph's close, and sometimes tense, relationships with her coaches and teammates. Occasional black-and-white pictures capture the drama, from the kid in the hospital to the Olympic winner to the handshake with President Kennedy. Hazel RochmanCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

This book was recommended in a study about the Olympics, and my 7 year-old has read most of it.

As a young woman growing up in south in the 50's and 60's, there is plenty of racism and cruelty that is addressed. Also, there is pregnancy out of wedlock and partying that is covered as well. If you don't want to introduce or talk to your child about these things, maybe you need a tamer biography. It is always sad to have to discuss the horrible things that racism did to people in the past, but I think it is necessary so that it can be stopped in the future. Thought parents might like to have this information.

My 9yr old enjoyed this book. She used it for a 4th grade book report. It was written so that heavy subject ( polio, teen death , teenage pregnancy) were handled in a manner for a child to understand and appreciate. Wilma was a survivor and determined to do her best.

In 3rd grade, granddaughter did a report on Wilma Rudolph and read this book twice. It was a good book.

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I absolutely loved this book. I rated this as five stars because there was so much detail and there were many climaxes throughout the whole book. The only thing I didn't like about the book was that at the end Wilma Rouldolph dies and then the book just ends. I just wish there was at least a little speech or poem to go along with it because it makes the reader upset and depressed. But overall this was a fabulous book.

I purchased this for my granddaughter and she was very inspired by Rudolph's story. I love these types of inspiring books for kids. It encouraged hard work, integrity, and the desire to reach for the stars!

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Great story. Very inspiring. Lots of facts. Easy to read for 2- 4th grade I am guessing. I would buy again.

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