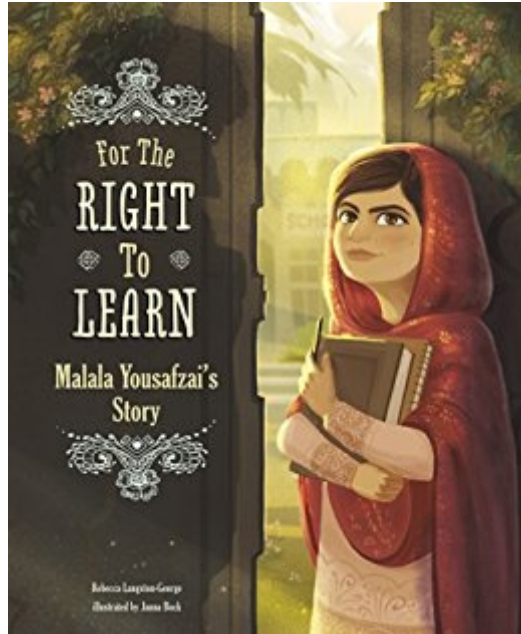


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# For The Right To Learn (Encounter: Narrative Nonfiction Picture Books)



## Synopsis

She grew up in a world where women were supposed to be quiet. But Malala Yousafzai refused to be silent. She defied the Taliban's rules, spoke out for education for every girl, and was almost killed for her beliefs. This powerful true story of how one brave girl named Malala changed the world proves that one person really can make a difference.

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## Customer Reviews

While browsing Netgalley for books to read with my 6 year old, I came across a book called For the Right to Learn and pretty much instantly made the connection that it was â about that Malala girlâ™. To be specific: This is the childrenâ™s version of her story. Well, what Iâ™d heard about it had been pretty cool, so I requested the book for professional review. I planned on pre-reading it before I read it with my child because I figured, even though it was the childrenâ™s version, itâ™d probably be a little too advanced for her, so I needed to know exactly what it said so I could explain as we went, without scrambling for words. So I opened the book, and began to read. Its only 40 pages long, so it only took me a few minutes, but that few minutes was enough to instill a deep

respect in me for Malala Yousafzai. That young woman has more courage than I will ever have. More courage than anyone I've ever known. The author did a wonderful job in choosing the right words to simply, but powerfully, communicate Malala's story. The illustrator did an amazing job with the graphics on each page, communicating emotions like fear, terror, and determination with a subtle beauty. I will be reading this with my child, even though it truly too advanced for her. I will do my best to make her understand Malala's story, and to communicate the courage that it has to take to do what she's done. Eventually, she will be old enough and she will understand it. In the meantime, I will lay the foundation. I will teach her to look to Malala as an example of a true leader and inspiring role model. I'll finish the review with one of Malala's most well-known quotes: "One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world." She should know. She is changing the world.

I am not the biggest believer in heroes and heroines. By this I mean that I do not like to separate individuals out and act as if they have some magical or special ability that makes them different from the rest of us. It lets us off the hook, it can leave out the complex social-cultural-economic reasons why somebody is able to be "heroic" at a particular time. We are all probably heroic and not heroic at different times so I rather see heroism as a possibility in all of us at various time than an infinite and stable quality. Despite this, I can state unequivocally that Malala is a heroine of mine. For the Right To Learn shows us how and why Malala is admired and beloved by so many of us. It shows how Malala became a crusader for a girl's right to education and the deep sacrifices she made. It also shows her joy of learning and the support she has received from her family, friends, the international community and how she became the youngest person to win the Noble Peace Prize. The language is clear and simple, has the right tone for its intended age group and the illustrations are captivating and took me right into the narrative of the story. I was, as always, very moved by this story. Thank you to Netgalley for allowing me to review this book for an honest opinion.

For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story written by Rebecca Langston-George and illustrated by Janna Bock is a fantastic account of the heroic stance Malala Yousafzai made for her right to an education. I have read "I am Malala" and this version of her story for children hits the nail on the head. Malala was a girl who wanted to go to school and felt no one had the right to deny her an education. Throughout her school days she lived in fear right up until she was shot in the head, and still did not give up on her right to learn. She is a hero who will not back down. This story shares the facts without a lot of the political dealings which children would probably not understand and

would probably cause them to lose interest in this story. An excellent way to introduce thought-provoking issues of education, women's rights, discrimination and the simple ability to learn. Challenge your children/students: What would they do if they weren't allowed to go to school? Excellent illustrations go with the text to give you a better understanding of the story.

My 8 year old daughter LOVED this book. Took it to her class to share, and many of her classmates read it too. It faces very hard topics in a sensitive-as-possible way... without avoiding them. My daughter now has started raising money for the Malala Fund, watching all of Malala's speeches, asking questions about the middle east, different religions, discrimination, etc. It's been an amazing launch pad. She's now read the young reader version of Malala's autobiography too, but she wouldn't have had the interest if it weren't for this book. Even though it's geared towards kids, I still recommend reading it before or with your kids so you can discuss. It's an optimistic book, but not a light topic.

Malala Yousafzai is the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, and she fully deserved it! I love this inspiring book by Rebecca Langston-George. The illustrations by Janna Bock beautifully depict the courage and spirit of young girls experiencing their value in society and their freedom completely stripped away from them, when the Taliban took their country by force. The book is about Malala Yousafzai, who works for peace and the right for every child to be educated. Malala is a determined young girl who fought for her right to an education, even though her life was continually threatened...then attacked and nearly killed. It is a book that should be offered in schools to generate compassion and understanding of the restrictions, danger and abuse girls face in other parts of the world. Gender inequality is one of the most difficult civil rights problem in the world, and this book reveals this, simply and eloquently...easy to read...good for readers 6 and up...Thank you Rebecca Langston-George and Janna Bock for creating this amazing book!

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