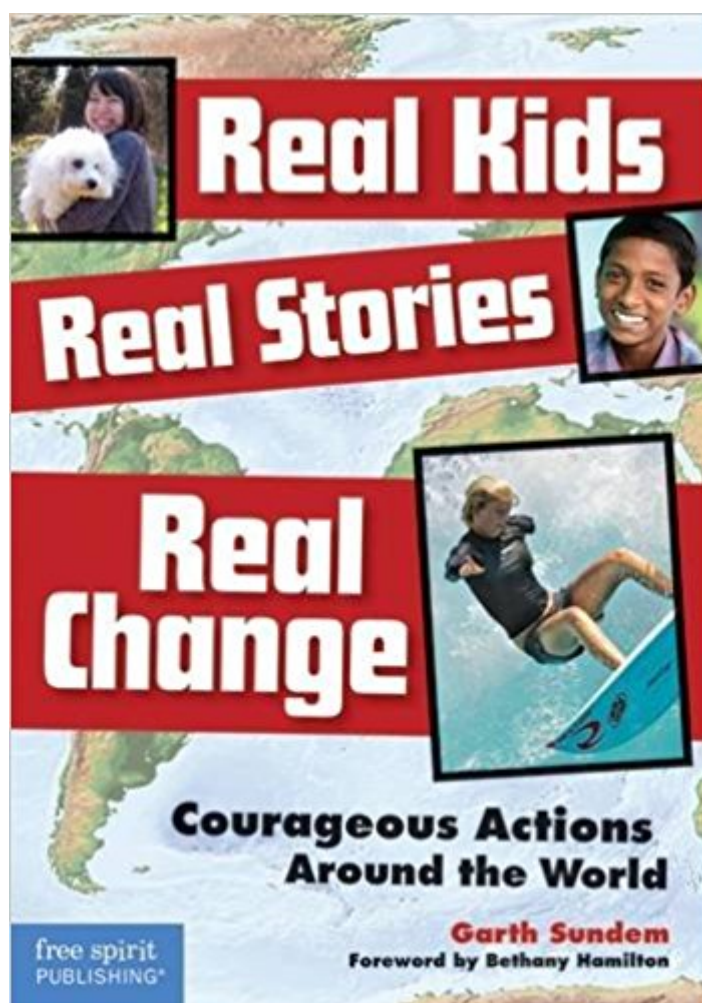


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# Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change: Courageous Actions Around The World



## Synopsis

Eleven-year-old Tilly saved lives in Thailand by warning people that a tsunami was coming. Fifteen-year-old Malika fought against segregation in her Alabama town. Ten-year-old Jean-Dominic won a battle against pesticides and the cancer they caused in his body. Six-year-old Ryan raised \$800,000 to drill water wells in Africa. And twelve-year-old Haruka invented a new environmentally friendly way to scoop dog poop. With the right role models, any child can be a hero. Thirty true stories profile kids who used their heads, their hearts, their courage, and sometimes their stubbornness to help others and do extraordinary things. As young readers meet these boys and girls from around the world, they may wonder, “What kind of hero lives inside of me?”

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## Customer Reviews

“Sit back and enjoy these 30 incredible human interest stories all about children who have faced extraordinary odds and accomplished near miracles.”  
“Skipping Stones Magazine”  
“A one-of-a-kind book that uses real-life examples to teach young people everywhere that they can make a positive difference.”  
“Midwest Book Review”  
“Fabulous! This book is exciting, inspirational, and best of all, completely true!”  
“T.A. Barron, author of The Hero’s Trail”  
“[T]hese true stories of

children making significant change in their communities and countries will convince your students that one person can make a difference. The short chapters, which make excellent read alouds, tell of an eight-year-old who walked hundreds of miles to protest rain forest destruction in Mexico, a child with cancer who petitioned to stop the use of pesticides in Canada, and a young Taiwanese girl who fought for workers' rights.

•Curriculum Connections

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•Midwest Book Review (Review for previous title, *The Doggy Dung Disaster & Other True Stories*)

"This collection of tales about real kids doing amazing things is inspiring."

•Washington Post (Review for previous title, *The Doggy Dung Disaster & Other True Stories*)

"Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change: Courageous Actions Around the World is an inspirational compendium that profiles thirty different real kids from around the world who used their skills and abilities to make a real difference, improving the world. Divided into five chapters, Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change presents stories of kids saving the environment, kids standing up for themselves, kids helping others, kids overcoming challenges, and kids using talents and creativity. Examples include a painter of monkeys from China, a girl from India who climbs mountains, a boy in the USA who protects the habitat of endangered turtles, an orphan boy from Romania who champions the cause of other children who are orphaned and alone, an art prodigy from Japan who uses drawings to help heal the world, and more. Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change is the perfect example of the saying, 'A brave heart is a powerful weapon' (Rudy Garcia-Tolson, p. 123). Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change is written at reading level grade 5, and will have appeal for students ages 9-13."

•Midwest Book Review: Children's Bookwatch: Reviewer's Choice

Thirty true stories profiling ordinary kids doing extraordinary things around the world

Garth Sundem's book is a truly inspiring collection of stories about amazing children and teens from around the world who have accomplished incredible things. Middle schoolers and older can read it themselves, but for younger children I'd suggest reading each story yourself first to make sure it is right for your child. While all of the stories are amazing, some are heartbreaking. The resources listed at the end of each chapter are a great addition to the book and will help your child find ways to help.

My son has LOVED this book and tells me about the stories he reads in it. The stories are amazing and some heart breaking. I don't know how one cannot want to be a better person after reading the stories of heroism and courage from these young people!

Excellent book to take children beyond their own "normal" and learn about other kids who didn't just have a good idea, but acted upon it to make an impact larger than they ever imagined. We include this riveting book in every gift for my children's classmates (ages 8-10). I need to buy this in bulk! Thank you, Mr. Sundem, for writing a substantial children's book that doesn't insult their intelligence with superficial nonsense, but wakes children up to the infinite potential each one has!

4th grade did a volunteer book study on this and my daughter really enjoyed reading this book and she came away learning a lot.

Such inspiring stories!

Bought it for my son to supplement his homework. Excellent resource for kids, really got him thinking about ways he can impact the world and get out of his own head.

I added this book to my fifth grade curriculum to support the themes of sharing the planet and how to express ourselves. My students have loved the book and have learned many lessons from real life experiences around the world!

The boys in the book club were very inspired after reading this book. They expressed thoughts of creativity and have been asking for help in planning for their future.

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