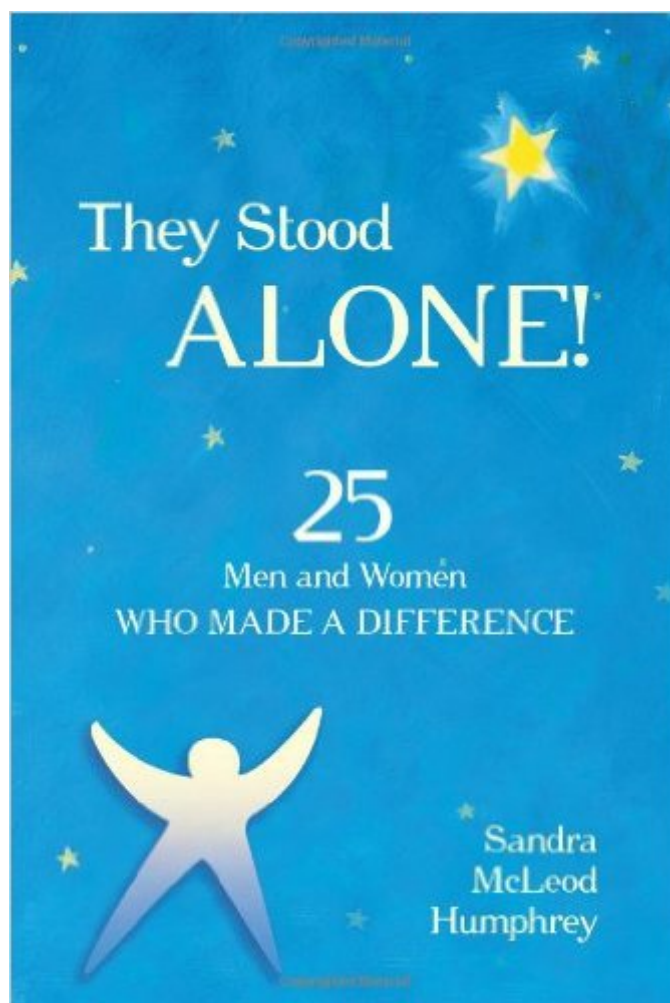


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# They Stood Alone!: 25 Men And Women Who Made A Difference



## Synopsis

Nicolaus Copernicus and Elizabeth Cady Stanton are just two of the twenty-five extraordinary men and women whom you will have a chance to meet in this inspiring book that explores and celebrates people who had the courage to follow their own convictions, even when everyone around them said they were wrong. They were people of vision who saw life from a new perspective and were willing to question conventional wisdom. And their revolutionary breakthroughs changed and shaped the course of history. Author Sandra McLeod Humphrey invites you to have the courage to stand alone too, hold on to your dreams, and follow your heart wherever it may lead. Like the twenty-five pioneers who lived before you, you too may someday make a difference.

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## Customer Reviews

Hats off to Sandra McLeod Humphrey for synthesizing the lives of famous people in a book that can be enjoyed and stimulate the minds of her intended audience of 9 to 12 year olds. In her introduction she states the reasons for her choices of role models: 'They were people of vision who saw life from a different or a new perspective; they were pioneers of a sort who were willing to question the conventional wisdom of their time; they had the courage to step out away from the crowd and take a risk; they believed in themselves and pursued their dreams in spite of societal opposition; and their revolutionary breakthroughs changed their world and ours.' What follows is a series of minibiographies of 25 men and women who fill the qualifications Humphrey has established. Each biography begins with a photograph (or other image) of the person, a quote from

them, and then the information begins with 'Imagine this:' and what follows is a brief setting of the background of the person presented and a superb brief description of the discovery or change that person made for the world. All of this is offered in a very readable and erudite manner, fit not only for younger readers but for any reader at all! The people she discusses are Christopher Columbus, Leonardo da Vinci, Nicolaus Copernicus, Galileo Galilei, Isaac Newton, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Henry David Thoreau, Harriet Tubman, Clara Barton, Elizabeth Blackwell, Nikola Tesla, Booker T. Washington, Marie Curie, Mahatma Gandhi, Orville Wright, Albert Einstein, Amelia Earhart, Margaret Mead, Marian Anderson, Margaret Bourke-White, Rachel Carson, Mother Teresa, Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, and Neil Armstrong. And after this excellent survey of just some of the important minds of our history and our time Humphrey address the reader with the challenge to believe in yourself and to overcome obstacles to follow your dream. Included at the end of the book is an excellent bibliography - surely a fine resource for all teachers - and a source of her notes. And as a final gesture she has re-printed the Robert Frost poem 'The Road Not Taken.' This is a terrific book, as strong a 'behavior modification' substitute for aimless youngsters who think they have nothing to offer the world as anything published. Parents may want to borrow this book to refresh their memories about the Heroes lives, too..... Grady Harp, October 11

There is a reason why Ms. Sandra McLeod Humphrey is one of my favorite children's authors: She focuses her writings about real people who have faced and overcome great obstacles and challenges in life to make amazing positive differences in the lives of others. Her latest book, *They Stood Alone! 25 Men and Women Who Made a Difference*, I'm happy to report, continues in that mode. It highlights the lives, challenges, and achievements of men and women in history who have pushed themselves to do great things, even when the masses have spurned them for their knowledge, beliefs, and causes. I love this book because it is a welcome and refreshing reminder of the kinds of role models we adults want our kids to have, rather than the Snookies, Paris Hiltons, Kanye Wests, and Lindsay Lohans of the world. *They Stood Alone* casts light on REAL people who have worked hard for the betterment of mankind. Ms. Humphrey has done a great job profiling the life, challenges, and achievements of each notable person highlighted in her book. I have so very much enjoyed learning more about people who had the courage to step away from the crowd and take a risk by questioning the conventional wisdom of their time. I highly recommend this book. It is a must-have resource for every library, school, and home!

I found this book to be simple and easy to use. It tells about 25 men, and women who made a

difference. I needed to read this. So many facts and information I had forgotten and some people just know the names and others nothing. I was especially bad about the women. Harriet Tubman all I knew was a slave escaped. I had no idea that she went back to rescue other slaves 19 times and led over 300 slaves to freedom. Clara Barton I just new she was a nurse. She fought for the right to go to the battlefields and treat soldiers their and saved many lifes. She started American Red Cross. Taught school and helped women to get voting rites. I enjoyed reading these short biographies about what these 25 people did when everyone said they were wrong they continued on and made life for me a lot better. I was given this book in exchange of honest review. Published 2011 by Prometheus Books ISBN 978-1-61614-485-2

My Review: Author Sandra Humphrey introduces us to 25 extraordinary men and women who broke with tradition to explore new ideas and challenge accepted truths. It's so great to read about how these men and women from Christopher Columbus who prevailed over all obstacles and distraction and was able to spread European civilization across a significant portion of the earth to the Queen of the Underground Railroad Harriet Tubman who became an abolitionist, a humanitarian and a Union spy. They all made unique contributions that not only change but shaped the course of history. Read about Leonardo da Vinci, Nicolaus Copernicus, Galileo Galilei, Isaac Newton, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Henry David Thoreau, Clara Barton, Elizabeth Blackwell, Nikola Tesla, Booker T. Washington, Marie Curie, Mahatma Gandhi, Orville Wright, Albert Einstein, Amelia Earhart, Margaret Mead, Marian Anderson, Margaret Bourke-White, Rachel Carson, Mother Teresa, Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, and Neil Armstrong. This book will inspire men and women, boys and girls to have their own dreams and to always follow their heart till they attain their dream and make a different. The layout and writing is simple and easy to read. I highly recommend this book for adults and children and for classroom teaching. Disclaimer: As per FTC guidelines, I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review. I received no monetary compensation. All opinions expressed here are mine and mine alone.

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