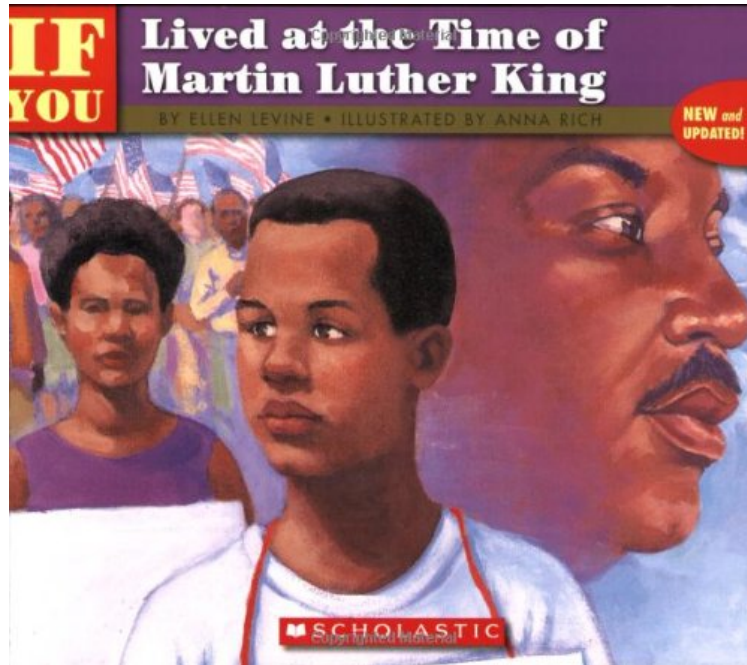


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excellent introduction to the Civil Rights Movement for upper-elementary students (and apparently for middle-school students according to another review here). This is one title that, in my opinion, should be in every elementary school in the nation. Recommended.

If you lived at the time of Martin Luther King--When did the civil rights movement begin?--Were children involved in civil rights protests?--What was the March on Washington?This book tells you what it was like during the exciting era when Martin Luther King led the fight against segregation.

About the AuthorHow did people escape on the Underground Railroad? What was it like to land on Ellis Island?How did it feel to travel the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon? Ellen Levine has revealed worlds of fascinating adventure with her nonfiction books for young readers. Although Ellen Levine enjoys reading and writing fiction, most of her books for young readers have been nonfiction. Writing nonfiction lets me in behind the scenes of the story. I enjoy learning new things and meeting new people, even if they lived 200 years ago. Real heroes, Levine says, aren't necessarily on TV or in the news. They can be ordinary people who are willing to take risks for causes they believe in. Nonfiction offers a way to introduce young readers to real people who have shown tremendous courage, even when faced with great danger. All of us have the potential. And one doesn't have to be a grown-up, she adds. When she's not writing, Levine likes to share the excitement of research and the importance of accuracy with young readers. Many young people think research is dull; you go to an encyclopedia, copy information, give it a title, and call it a report. Using her books as examples, Ellen explains how to get other, more interesting information. I may not mention the exact words, but I talk to young people about primary and secondary sources. If I'm speaking with third graders, I ask them, 'Where would I go if I wanted to find out what it's like to be a third grader?' Most will say, 'Read a book.' But when they say, 'Ask a third grader,' I know they've understood what I mean by a primary source of inspiration. For *If You Were an Animal Doctor*, for example, Ellen witnessed an emergency operation on a cow. While doing research in Wyoming for *Ready, Aim, Fire!*, her biography of Annie Oakley, she got to hold the gun Ms. Oakley is believed to have shot in the presence of the Queen of England. It gave me such a strong feeling about this person, she says. That's part of research, too. Ellen Levine is the author of many acclaimed books, both fiction and nonfiction. Among them: *If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon*, *If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island*, *I Hate English!*, *If You Lived at the Time of Martin Luther King*, and *Secret Missions*. Her recent book, *Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories*, was named one of the Ten Best Children's Books of the Year by *The New York Times*, and Best Book for Young Adults by the American Library Association. Ellen divides her time between New York City and Salem, New York.