

National Geographic Kids Readers: Rosa Parks

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before your child shares this book with you, look at the front cover picture of Rosa Parks and find words to describe her appearance and discuss how she might have felt when the picture was taken, and how you know. Why do they think this image was chosen for the cover photo?
- Talk to your child about what civil rights means. Help them to begin to understand that in some places people are treated unfairly because of their appearance or beliefs.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
 - Help children read about complicated ideas, e.g. segregation and civil rights, using the glossary and its explanations.
 - Help with any names of places or people that may be unfamiliar and hard to decode.
 - Show your interest in the powerful information and discuss how the book makes you feel about civil rights.
 - Encourage your child to talk about what they feel, answering any questions that they have.
 - Enjoy reading Rosa Parks' own words, and talk about what she meant by them.
 - Encourage them to use the pictures to develop their understanding as they read from the text and captions.
 - Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
- Discuss how it would feel like to stand up for yourself in an unfair situation, and how Rosa Parks might have felt on the bus.