

The Hero Two Doors Down

By Sharon Robinson

Annotation

Eight year-old Stephen Satlow lives in Brooklyn, NY and loves the Brooklyn Dodgers. Stephen can't believe his luck when his favorite baseball player Jackie Robinson moves into his neighborhood. Written by Jackie Robinson's daughter, this fictionalized story based on a true story tells a tale of an unlikely friendship between a boy and his hero.

Book Talk

Do you love baseball? Do you know who Jackie Robinson is? This is the true story of Jackie Robinson when he was a boy and his friendship with a boy who loves baseball and admires Jackie Robinson. Make sure to read the *Afterword* to learn more about the characters in the story.

Book Trailer

- <https://youtu.be/rczhNlboxzwI>

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Items to use in a library display

- Images from the 1960s Dodgers
- Baseball paraphernalia
- Jackie Robinson's biographies

Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics

- Do you have a hero? Can you name what attributes this person has that you find admirable? Is there any aspect of this person that you do not admire?
- Do you have a friend who's family has different religious beliefs from your family? How has this friendship shaped your understanding of others?

First Line of the Book:

- "December 5, 1959, turned out to be the worst day of my life."

Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)

- *Dad, Jackie and Me* by Myron Uhlberg
- *I Am Jackie Robinson* by Brad Meltzer

What to Read Next

- *Soar* by Joan Bauer
- *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor

- *Who Was Jackie Robinson* by Gail Herman
- *Glory Be* by Augusta Scattergood

Other Books by this Author:

- *Under the Same Sun*
- *Jackie Robinson: American Hero*
- *Jackie's Gift*

Additional Resources

- Musical Ensemble: Rewrite and perform, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" specifically for Jackie Robinson and the Dodgers team.
<https://kidsongs.com/lyrics/take-me-out-to-the-ball-game.html/>
- Poetry: Write a poem about a person that you admire.
- Interview with the author:
<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/author-qa-sharon-robinson/>
- Interview with the author:
http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/kids-teachers/authors/sharon_robinson
- Book Study:
<http://www.scholastic.com/motherdaughterbookclub/pdf/Scholastic-MDBC-HeroTwoDoorsDown.pdf>
- Lesson ideas: Read the *Afterword* and discuss.