

# Who Was Jackie Robinson

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The extraordinary life of Jackie Robinson is illuminated as never before in this full-scale biography by Arnold Rampersad, who was chosen by Jack's widow, Rachel, to tell her husband's story, and was given unprecedented access to his private papers. We are brought closer than we have ever been to the great ballplayer, a man of courage and quality who became a pivotal figure in the areas of race and civil rights. Born in the rural South, the son of a sharecropper, Robinson was reared in southern California. We see him blossom there as a student-athlete as he struggled against poverty and racism to uphold the beliefs instilled in him by his mother--faith in family, education, America, and God. We follow Robinson through World War II, when, in the first wave of racial integration in the armed forces, he was commissioned as an officer, then court-martialed after refusing to move to the back of a bus. After he plays in the Negro National League, we watch the opening of an all-American drama as, late in 1945, Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers recognized Jack as the right player to break baseball's color barrier--and the game was forever changed. Jack's never-before-published letters open up his relationship with his family, especially his wife, Rachel, whom he married just as his perilous venture of integrating baseball began. Her memories are a major resource of the narrative as we learn about the severe harassment Robinson endured from teammates and opponents alike; about death threats and exclusion; about joy and remarkable success. We watch his courageous response to abuse, first as a stoic endurer, then as a fighter who epitomized courage and defiance. We see his growing friendship with white players like Pee Wee Reese and the black teammates who followed in his footsteps, and his embrace by Brooklyn's fans. We follow his blazing career: 1947, Rookie of the Year; 1949, Most Valuable Player; six pennants in ten seasons, and 1962, induction into the Hall of Fame. But sports were merely one aspect of his life. We see his business ventures, his leading role in the community, his early support of Martin Luther King Jr., his commitment to the civil rights movement at a crucial stage in its evolution; his controversial associations with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Nixon, Humphrey, Goldwater, Nelson Rockefeller, and Malcolm X. Rampersad's magnificent biography leaves us with an indelible image of a principled man who was passionate in his loyalties and opinions: a baseball player who could focus a crowd's attention as no one before or since; an activist at the crossroads of his people's struggle; a dedicated family man whose last years were plagued by illness and tragedy, and who died prematurely at fifty-two. He was a pathfinder, an American hero, and he now has the biography he deserves.

## Who Was Martin Luther King, Jr.?: A Who Was? Board Book

Introducing the latest addition to the Who HQ program: board book biographies of relevant and important figures, created specifically for the preschool audience! The #1 New York Times Bestselling Who Was? series expands into the board book space, bringing age-appropriate biographies of influential figures to readers ages 2-4. The chronology and themes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s meaningful life are presented in a masterfully succinct text, with just a few sentences per page. The fresh, stylized illustrations are sure to captivate young readers and adults alike. With a read-aloud biographical summary in the back, this age-appropriate introduction honors and shares the life and work of one of the most influential civil rights activists of our time.

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A biography of the Negro whose distinguished baseball career inspired blacks everywhere and whose "cool" on the playing field helped open the door to other black athletes.

## **The Story of Jackie Robinson**

Discover the life of Jackie Robinson—a story about breaking down barriers for kids ages 6 to 9 Jackie Robinson was the first Black Major League Baseball player and an important civil rights leader. Before he made history as a pioneer in sports, Jackie was a hardworking kid who loved to play all kinds of ball games. When Jackie was growing up, Black and white sports players in the United States were not treated the same way. He used his amazing baseball talent to help bring all players together and work toward ending the unfair treatment of Black players. Explore how Jackie went from being a thoughtful young boy growing up in California to an American role model and activist. Independent reading—This Jackie Robinson biography is broken down into short chapters and simple language so kids 6 to 9 can read and learn on their own. Critical thinking—Kids will learn the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How of Jackie's life, find definitions of new words, discussion questions, and more. A lasting legacy—Explore how Jackie Robinson made the world a better place for future generations, including you! How will Jackie's hard work and dedication inspire you? Discover activists, artists, and athletes, and more from all across history with the rest of The Story Of series, including famous figures like: Misty Copeland, Simone Biles, Babe Ruth, Ella Fitzgerald, and Kamala Harris.

### **Jackie Robinson: My Own Story**

Autobiography of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, beginning with his athletic career and dealing particularly with baseball and the first step toward equal participation by African Americans in this great sport. “I believe that a man’s race, color, and religion should never constitute a handicap. The denial to anyone, anywhere, any time of equality of opportunity to work is incomprehensible to me. Moreover, I believe that the American public is not as concerned with a first baseman’s pigmentation as it is with the power of his swing, the dexterity of his slide, the gracefulness of his fielding, or the speed of his legs.”—From Foreword by Branch Hickey

### **Baseball's Great Experiment**

Offers a history of African American exclusion from baseball, and assesses the changing racial attitudes that led up to Jackie Robinson's acceptance by the Brooklyn Dodgers.

### **Jackie Robinson**

A brief biography of Jackie Robinson, the man who was the first African American baseball player on a major league team, as well as the first African American elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

### **42 Is Not Just a Number**

An eye-opening look at the life and legacy of Jackie Robinson, the man who broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball and became an American hero. Baseball, basketball, football — no matter the game, Jackie Robinson excelled. His talents would have easily landed another man a career in pro sports, but in America in the 1930s and '40s, such opportunities were closed to athletes like Jackie for one reason: his skin was the wrong color. Settling for playing baseball in the Negro Leagues, Jackie chafed at the inability to prove himself where it mattered most: the major leagues. Then in 1946, Branch Rickey, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, decided he was going to break the “rules” of segregation: he recruited Jackie Robinson. Fiercely determined, Jackie faced cruel and sometimes violent hatred and discrimination, but he proved himself again and again, exhibiting courage, restraint, and a phenomenal ability to play the game. In this compelling biography, award-winning author Doreen Rappaport chronicles the extraordinary life of Jackie Robinson and how his achievements won over — and changed — a segregated nation.

## Beyond Home Plate

Jackie Robinson is one of the most revered public figures of the twentieth century. He is remembered for both his athletic prowess and his strong personal character. The world knows him as the man who crossed baseball's color line, but there is much more to his legacy. At the conclusion of his baseball career, Robinson continued in his pursuit of social progress through his work as a writer. *Beyond Home Plate*, an anthology of Jackie Robinson's columns in the *New York Post* and the *New York Amsterdam News*, offers fresh insight into the Hall of Famer's life and work following his historic years on the baseball diamond. Robinson's syndicated newspaper columns afforded him the opportunity to provide rich social commentary while simultaneously exploring his own life and experiences. He was free to write about any subject of his choosing, and he took full advantage of this license, speaking his mind about everything from playing Santa to confronting racism in the Red Sox nation, from loving his wife Rachel to despising Barry Goldwater, from complaining about Cassius Clay's verbosity to teaching Little Leaguers how to lose well. Robinson wrote to prod and provoke, inflame and infuriate, and sway and persuade. With their pointed opinions, his columns reveal that the mature Robinson was a truly American prophet, a civil rights leader in his own right, furious with racial injustice and committed to securing first class citizenship for all. These fascinating columns also depict Robinson as an indebted son, a devoted husband, a tenderhearted father, and a hardworking community leader. Robinson believed that his life after his baseball career was far more important than all of his baseball exploits. *Beyond Home Plate* shows why he believed this so fervently.

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THE CHILDHOODS OF FAMOUS AMERICANS SERIES One of the most popular series ever published for young Americans, these classics have been praised alike by parents, teachers, and librarians. With these lively inspiring, fictionalized biographies -- easily read by children of eight and up -- today's youngster is swept right into history. ABIGAIL ADAMS SUSAN B. ANTHONY NEIL ARMSTRONG CRISPUS ATTUCKS CLARA BARTON ELIZABETH BLACKWELL DANIEL BOONE BUFFALO BILL WILL CLARK ROBERTO CLEMENTE DAVY CROCKETT WALT DISNEY THOMAS A. EDISON ALBERT EINSTEIN HENRY FORD BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LOU GEHRIG HARRY HOUDINI LANGSTON HUGHES TOM JEFFERSON HELEN KELLER JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ROBERT E. LEE MERTWETHER LEWIS ABRAHAM LINCOLN MARY TODD LINCOLN THURGOOD MARSHALL JOHN MUIR ANNIE OAKLEY MOLLY PITCHER POCAHONTAS PAUL REVERE KNUTE ROCKNE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT TEDDY ROOSEVELT BETSY ROSS BABE RUTH SACAGAWEA SITTING BULL JIM THORPE MARK TWAIN GEORGE WASHINGTON MARTHA WASHINGTON WILBUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT

### Jackie Robinson

A biography of the black athlete who broke the color barrier in major league baseball when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

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Presents the life and career of the baseball legend who became the first African American to play in the major leagues.

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The first black player in Major League Baseball, Jackie Robinson was a true trailblazer. An easy-to-read narrative and historic photographs bring readers back to this historic time. Historic photos and easy-to-read text take readers into the athlete's life. Zoom in even deeper with quick stats, a timeline, and bolded glossary terms. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Abdo Zoom is a division of

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## **Jackie Robinson**

In an evocative, humorous, and personal style, Rachel Robinson reveals her husband as a sensitive and committed individual--to both his family and the public. Her keen observations and sharp memories are enhanced by a collection of over 300 photographs that allow readers into the late baseball player's life.

## **Teammates**

Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and became the first Black player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.

## **Jackie Robinson**

Presents the life and career of the legendary baseball player, who in 1947 became the first African American player in Major League Baseball.

## **Promises to Keep**

Sharon Robinson shares memories of her famous father in this warm loving biography of the man who broke the color barrier in baseball. Jackie Robinson was an outstanding athlete, a devoted family man and a dedicated civil rights activist.

## **Jackie Robinson**

Highlights the life and career of an American baseball player who became the first African American to play major league baseball in the modern era.

## **Child of the Dream**

Large Print's increased font size and wider line spacing maximizes reading legibility, and has been proven to advance comprehension, improve fluency, reduce eye fatigue, and boost engagement in young readers of all abilities, especially struggling, reluctant, and striving readers.

## **Jackie Robinson in Quotes**

A Fresh Look at an Inspiring Historical Figure Jackie Robinson in Quotes tells the life story of arguably the most important baseball player in history with over 400 pages of quotations by and about him. Featured are quotes by Robinson, his widow Rachel Robinson, other family members, friends, teammates, coaches, members of the media, and many more. Danny Peary has skillfully curated the best quotes to shed new light on the man behind number 42, who famously became the first black Major League Baseball player in 1947. The quotes speak for themselves, following Robinson through his childhood to his days as a young multi-talented athlete; his famous first meeting with Branch Rickey and signing with the Dodgers; then his exciting Hall-of-Fame career playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Read in his own words how he had to face racism and abuse with stoic silence; and how later the true Robinson emerged—a ballplayer and political activist who refused to stay silent, and who for his whole life remained unswerving in his expectation that all Americans be treated equally, no matter their color. Jackie Robinson in Quotes is a behind-the-headlines narrative about the making and life of a hero. It gives a first-hand account of Jackie Robinson's baseball stardom, his friendships and rivalries, the people he loved and who loved him, the issues that troubled him,

and how he took on all challenges to change the face of America's favorite pastime, the country itself, and, thus, history forever.

## **Jackie Robinson**

A biography of Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play major league baseball.

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Biography of Jackie Robinson, who broke the color barrier in major league baseball.

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A biography of the first black baseball player to be accepted by a major league team.

## **Jackie Robinson: American Hero**

Just in time for the major motion picture release, discover everything you wanted to know about Jackie Robinson! To tie- in with the April 2013 release of the movie 42, the life story of Jackie Robinson, this full-color comprehensive biography will feature everything there is to know about this inspiring American hero. The movie, featuring high-profile actors such as Harrison Ford, Christopher Meloni, and T.R. Knight, explores Robinson's history-making signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers under the guidance of team executive Branch Rickey. The biography will explore what led up to Robinson's signing and what happened after. As the first black man to play major league baseball, his progress monumentally influenced the desegregation of baseball. Because of this, Robinson became an icon for not only the sport of baseball, but also for the civil -rights movement. Featuring photos throughout, this biography will be a sports tale and a history lesson. It will coincide with the movie and also provide many more Robinson details, introducing him to a new generation of readers.

## **Ebony**

EBONY is the flagship magazine of Johnson Publishing. Founded in 1945 by John H. Johnson, it still maintains the highest global circulation of any African American-focused magazine.

## **Jackie Robinson**

In 1947 Jackie Robinson became the first Black player in Major League Baseball since the 1800s. This book explores Robinson's life and groundbreaking achievements. Easy-to-read text and vivid images give readers a clear look at this subject. Features include a table of contents, infographics, a glossary, additional resources, and an index. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Kids Core is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

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Multiple-choice exams are a common assessment method that all prospective candidates must be familiar with in today's academic environment. Although the majority of students are accustomed to this MCQ format, many are not well-versed in it. To achieve success in MCQ tests, quizzes, and trivia challenges, one requires test-taking techniques and skills in addition to subject knowledge. It also provides you with the skills and information you need to achieve a good score in challenging tests or competitive examinations. Whether you have studied the subject on your own, read for pleasure, or completed coursework, it will assess your knowledge and prepare you for competitive exams, quizzes, trivia, and more.

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Situated firmly in the social and political conditions of the time, this biography illustrates the role African American baseball star Jackie Robinson played in changing not just baseball but society. By breaking the "color barrier" in the major league sport, Robinson paved the way for new opportunities for Americans everywhere. Here, readers will come to know Robinson and his legacy. They'll also learn about such fascinating characters as Branch Rickey, Pee Wee Reese, and Boston City Council member Isadore Muchnick, who threatened to deny the Red Sox a permit to play if they did not let African American ballplayers try out for the team. Plenty of baseball lore and stats will engage young baseball fans, but even readers who have little interest in baseball will be inspired by this story of a man who took on racism and changed the world.

## **Jackie Robinson**

Examines the life of Jackie Robinson, the talented black athlete who broke the color barrier in major league baseball by joining the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

## **Who Was Jackie Robinson?**

An inspiring sports biography of Jackie Robinson whose strength of character secured his place in sports history.

## **Jackie Robinson**

Discusses the life and career of the first African American to play Major League baseball.

## **Jackie Robinson**

Jackie Robinson: A Life in American History provides readers with an understanding of the scope of Robinson's life and explores why no Major League Baseball player will ever again wear number 42 as his regular jersey number. This book captures Robinson's lifetime, from 1919 to 1972, while focusing on his connections to the unresolved promise of the Reconstruction Era and to the civil rights movement of the 20th century. In addition to covering Robinson's athletic career with the UCLA Bruins, the Kansas City Monarchs, the Montreal Royals, and the Brooklyn Dodgers, the book explores sociopolitical elements to situate Robinson's story and impact within the broader context of United States history. The book makes deliberate connections among the failure of Reconstruction, the creation of the Negro Leagues, the rise and decline of legalized segregation in the United States, the progress of the civil rights movement, and Robinson's life. Chronological chapters begin with Robinson's life before he played professional baseball, continue with an exploration of the Negro Leagues and Robinson's career with the Brooklyn Dodgers, and conclude with an examination of Robinson's post-retirement life as well as his influence on civil rights. Supplemental materials including document excerpts give readers an opportunity to explore contemporary accounts of Robinson's career and impact.

## Jackie Robinson

Uses original graphic illustrations to explore the life of the African American baseball player who broke the color line in professional baseball.

## Jackie Robinson

A simple biography of the first African American to play major-league baseball, from his childhood in California, his college days, life in the Negro League, to playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

## Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America

The bestselling classic biography of Jackie Robinson, America's legendary baseball player and civil rights activist, told from the unique perspective of an insider: his only daughter. Sharon Robinson shares memories of her famous father in this warm loving biography of the man who broke the color barrier in baseball -- and taught his children that the only measure of life is the impact you have on others lives'. Promises to Keep is the story of Jackie Robinson's hard-won victories in baseball, business, politics, and civil rights. It looks at the inspiring effect the legendary Brooklyn Dodger had on his family, his community ... his country. Told from the unique perspective of Robinson's only daughter, this intimate and uplifting book includes photos from the Robinson family archives and family letters never published before. Jackie Robinson is one our great national heroes. Promises to Keep reminds us what made him a champion -- on and off the field!

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There are defining moments in the life of a nation when a single individual can shape events for generations to come. For America, the spring of 1947 was such a moment, and Jackie Robinson was the man who made the difference.\" With these words, President Clinton contributed to Long Island University's three-day celebration of that momentous event in American history when Robinson became the first African American to play major league baseball. First published in 1998, Jackie Robinson: Race, Sports and the American Dream includes presentations from that celebration, especially chosen for their fresh perspectives and illuminating insights. A heady mix of journalism, scholarship, and memory offers a presentation that far transcends the retelling of just another sports story. Readers get a true sense of the social conditions prior to Robinson's arrival in the major leagues and the ripple effect his breakthrough had on the nation. Anecdotes enliven the story and offer more than the usual \"larger than life\" portrait of Robinson. A mélange of contributors from the sports world, academia, and journalism, some of Robinson's contemporaries, Dodger fans, and historians of the era, all sharing a passion for baseball, reflect on issues of sports, race, and the dramatic transformation of the American social and political scene in the last fifty years. This book is a must read for anyone interested in American Sports history and sports in general.

## The Jackie Robinson Story

A biography of the athlete who became the first black player in modern American major-league baseball when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

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