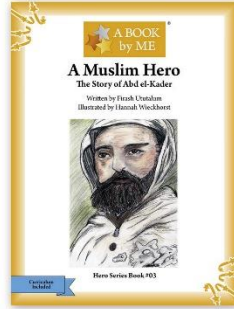


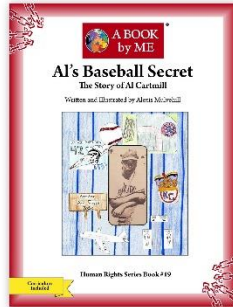
Race Against Racism

Real People who Triumphed over Adversity



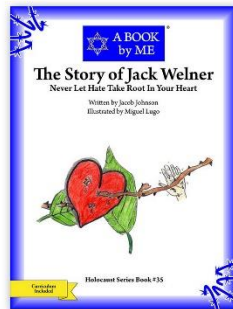
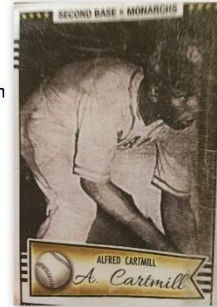
The Emir Abd el-Kader is a Muslim hero known as a warrior for righteousness, a defender of his people and a protector of the weak. His brave actions saved thousands of Christian lives, winning him the admiration of many, including President Abraham Lincoln and the Pope. The town of Elkader in Iowa is named after this amazing hero.

#honor#empathy#integrity#algeria



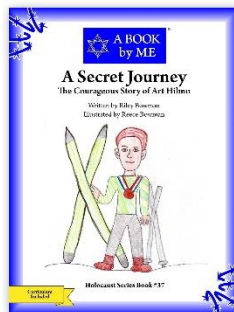
At one point in our nation's history, African Americans were not allowed to play baseball with the white players. In 1920, the Negro National League was created to showcase their talents. Al Cartmill enjoyed playing ball in many cities across the nation on a Negro League team. Decades later, a girl from his neighborhood asked him if she could share his story in a book.

#iowa#racism#civilrights#michigan



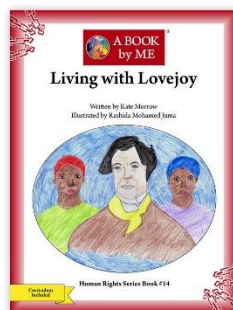
Jewish survivor Jack Welner was a teenager when his mother gave him her last piece of bread at Auschwitz concentration camp. This would be the last gift she gave to him before she was murdered in the gas chamber. After the war, Jack immigrated to America where he married and raised a family. Now, he spends time teaching children about the Holocaust, telling them to "live life to the fullest."

#poland#livinghistory#integrity#colorado



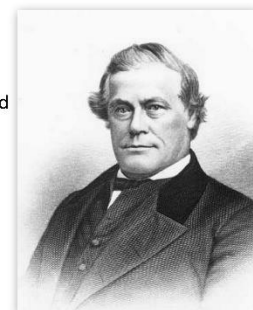
Art Hilmo had Christian parents who encouraged him to help those in need. So, during WWII he worked with the underground to lead Jews and other refugees from Norway on skis, over mountains and into the safety of Sweden. He eventually immigrated to America, and decades later he was called back to his homeland where the King of Norway honored his work during the war.

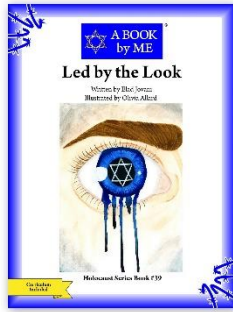
#norway#courage#righteousness#iowa



Owen Lovejoy was a minister, an abolitionist, a conductor on the Underground Railroad and a congressman. As a young man, he witnessed the brutal murder of his brother for being an abolitionist. This drove Owen to become even more passionate about ending slavery. He became friends with President Abraham Lincoln and made a powerful difference in his home state and in Washington D.C.

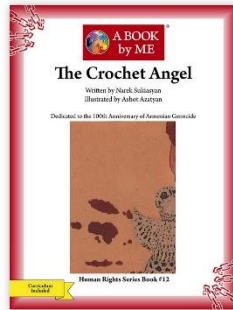
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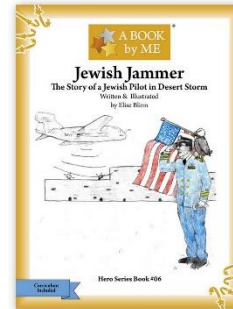
Yitzhak Lichenfeld went with his family to the Jewish ghetto when the Nazis invaded Poland. Since Yitzhak and his sister had blue eyes and didn't look Jewish, they were able to get bread when most Jews could not. After the war ended, his family started a new life in Israel, where he still lives today. This book was written by his grandson Elad, who is the first young author to write a book in Israel.

#poland#antisemitism#survive#israel



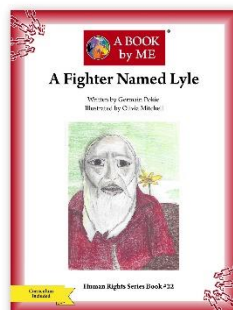
Katherine Magarian saw her father killed when she was just nine years old. The Turkish attempt to wipe out the Armenians during and just after WWI claimed the lives of more than a million people. When the Turks invaded, all Katherine had time to take with her was a little angel crocheted by her grandmother. The war separated her from loved ones, but after years of struggles she immigrated to America and was reunited with her mother.

#armenia#racism#perseverance#rhodeisland



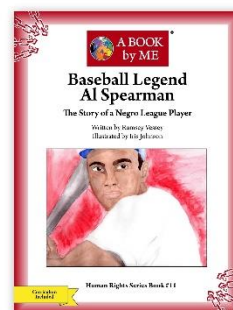
Lt. Steven Blinn fought in Desert Storm (sometimes called the "forgotten war"). As a Navy pilot, he faced additional dangers because of his Jewish faith. For example, the military would not print the Star of David on his dog tag for fear he would be captured and tortured because of his faith. Steve was motivated to serve because of his family's stories of those who fled Europe during the Holocaust (some perished) and the persecution they had experienced earlier during the Russian Pogroms.

#pennsylvania#bravery#antisemitism#illinois



Lyle Johnson was a white man who felt strongly about standing alongside black men and women marching with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He and the others in his group joined them in Selma and were treated terribly by white people in the South. Lyle and his wife were committed to winning the war against racism. While his wife stayed home raising their children, Lyle took a strong stand against bigotry and hate.

#minnesota#courage#commitment#illinois



Alvin Spearman was very young when his parents went their separate ways. He was raised by a single mother during the Great Depression. Racism and Jim Crow laws forced men of color to form a National Negro League, and Al was asked to join Chicago's team. Decades later, the Chicago White Sox honored his team by wearing replica uniforms during regular season baseball games.

#courage#racism#resilience#illinois

