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You Are Part of a Family



You Have Your Own Song



You Are a Healer

From School Library Journal

Grade 2–5—In characteristically measured prose, the 44th President introduces 13 American icons and heroes as exemplars of personal virtues, from Georgia O’Keeffe (creativity) and Jackie Robinson (courage) to Helen Keller (strength) and Cesar Chavez (inspiration). Though he includes Billie Holiday in his gallery (a gifted singer, but an iffy role model) along with a free translation of Chavez’s *!Si se puede!* as “Yes, you can!” (which was his campaign slogan: the official UFW version is a more accurate but stiffer “Yes, it can be done!”), Obama offers general but cogent summations of why each figure merits admiration—Martin Luther King Jr., for instance, “taught us unyielding compassion,” and Helen Keller, “never waiting for life to get easier,” “gave others courage to face their challenges.” Long’s superb technical gifts and gentle sense of humor shine in the pictures. Posed nobly and, usually, hard at work in full-page scenes, each man or woman also appears as a willowy but recognizable child on the facing and following pages, joining a growing crowd of young observers gazing across the center stitching and exchanging symbolic tools of their various trades. Their ranks swelled with more children, these younger versions turn to face viewers on the penultimate spread, followed by a closing painting of the author walking with his daughters and a page of reasonably accurate historical notes. As well as offering thought-provoking choices and commentary, this stately outing leads naturally to Lynne Cheney’s more populous *America: A Patriotic Primer* (S & S, 2002) as first introductions to our country’s great ones.—*John Peters, formerly at New York Public Library*

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**\*Starred Review\*** If Barack Obama wants to quit his day job (and maybe he might), he can probably make it as a children’s book author. Certainly, this is a beautiful package: thoughtfully conceived, handsomely illustrated and designed, and with a tight yet evocative text that brings children into the world of 13 famous Americans. Framed as a letter to his daughters (“Have I told you lately how wonderful you are?” the book begins), each double-page spread then asks a question that is exemplified by a person of note. “Have I told you that you are creative?” introduces Georgia O’Keeffe, who “helped us see big beauty in what is small: / the hardness of stone and the softness of feather.” Most of the people briefly profiled are expected

names—George Washington, Jackie Robinson, Helen Keller, César Chávez—but there are a few outliers here as well, including Billie Holiday and Sitting Bull. As the spreads turn, other children join (the unnamed) Malia and Sasha on the question page, each embodying their own special gifts and talents. Long's exceptional artwork has a timeless, Rockwellian quality that serves the text well, and the congregation of the children at the book's conclusion will have readers looking and looking again. An addendum features a bit more about each person highlighted. Parents will be happy to talk to their own children about how creative or kind or strong they are and reiterate, as the president does, their place in the American family. Grades K-3. -- Ilene Cooper

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Typically the book *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters* will bring someone to the new experience of reading any book. The author style to spell out the idea is very unique. If you try to find new book to learn, this book very appropriate to you. The book *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters* is much recommended to you to learn. You can also get the e-book in the official web site, so you can quickly to read the book.

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#### **Suanne Barnwell:**

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Daughters has many kinds or style. Start from kids until young adults. For example Naruto or Detective Conan you can read and believe you are the character on there. Therefore , not at all of book usually are make you bored, any it offers you feel happy, fun and loosen up. Try to choose the best book for you and try to like reading which.

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