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Review of *My Name Is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth* by Ann Turner

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My Name Is Truth

Turner, Ann

Illustrated by James Ransome. 2015. \$17.99 hc. New York: HarperCollins Children's Books (HarperCollins Publishers). 978-0-06-075898-1. Ages 6-10

This historical narrative follows the life of Sojourner Truth, from young child to weathered adult, from working slave to independent preacher. The narration also shows these changes, with Turner writing from the perspective of Sojourner herself, shaping the words and sentences so the reader can almost hear her spoken rhythms. The illustrations are beautifully done, conveying the raw realness of the subject. This book could easily be used in a classroom or library setting as a part of a history unit or during a specific season such as Black History Month.

RECOMMENDED

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