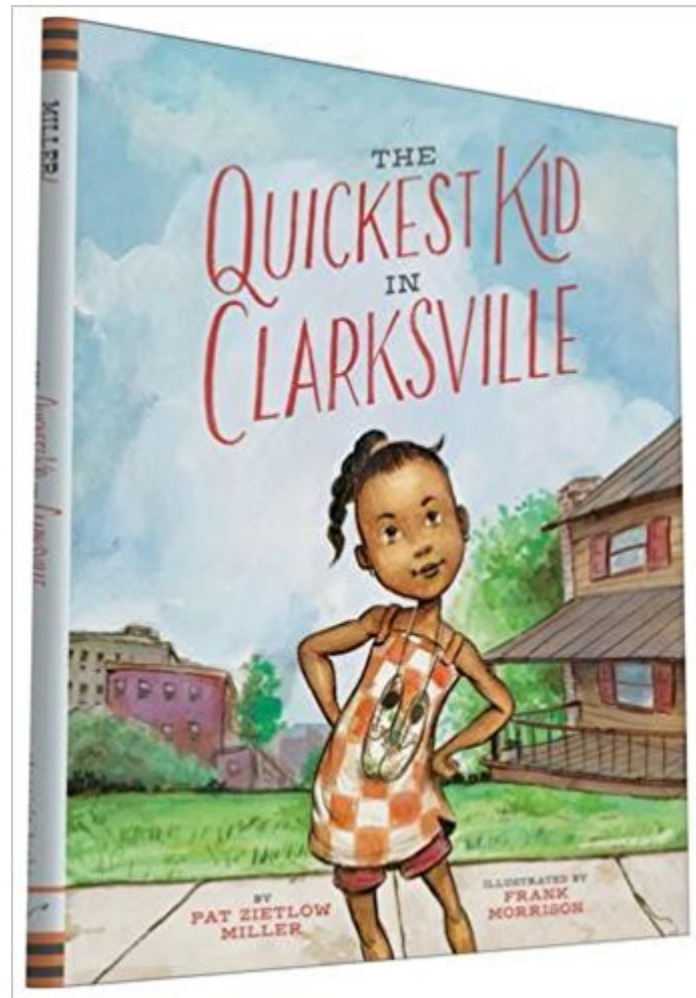




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The Quickest Kid In Clarksville



Synopsis

It's the day before the big parade. Alta can only think about one thing: Wilma Rudolph, three-time Olympic gold medalist. She'll be riding on a float tomorrow. See, Alta is the quickest kid in Clarksville, Tennessee, just like Wilma once was. It doesn't matter that Alta's shoes have holes because Wilma came from hard times, too. But what happens when a new girl with shiny new shoes comes along and challenges Alta to a race? Will she still be the quickest kid? The Quickest Kid in Clarksville is a timeless story of dreams, determination, and the power of friendship.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2-A story about teamwork and perseverance, this homage to the great Wilma Rudolph takes place in 1960 at about the time of the homecoming parade for the Olympian, which occurred in Clarksville, TN-the first integrated event in that town. Young Alta idolizes the great runner and practices her own gait using a rhythmic chant: "Wil-ma Ru-dolph." When she meets a girl with a competitive spirit and brand-new sneakers, Alta has to remind herself that Wilma Rudolph overcame obstacles greater than worn-out shoes. On the day of the parade, a banner that Alta is making is too bulky for one person to carry the whole way, and the new girl, Charmaine, offers a solution-the girls and their friends run an Olympic-style relay to get the banner to the parade site on time. Morrison's

full-bleed watercolor illustrations give an effective sense of time and place and render the characters movement well. An author's note provides brief biographical material emphasizing Rudolph's athletic achievements and her role in integrating her hometown. VERDICT A solid addition for large collections.-Lisa Lehmuller, Paul Cuffee Maritime Charter School, Providence, RI
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"A spunky tribute to friendship and determination."--Champagne-Urbana News GazetteCool Mom Picks' 10 Most Empowering Books for GirlsCharlotte Observer Best Books of the Year"There's a lot of sass and attitude inside this book, and charm all over."--Las Vegas Review Journal"Sweet and inspiring."--Kirkus Reviews"Ratty old sneakers and a little competition won't keep Alta from running toward her Olympic dream."--FamilyFun Magazine"Partly a book about kids learning to make friends, and partly a history lesson about Wilma Rudolph."--Design Mom"Gentle tribute to the legend of the pathbreaking African-American sprinter Wilma Rudolph."--The New York Times"An engaging, lively story."-The Horn Book Magazine"All children will relate to the powerful lessons about jealousy, determination, confidence, dreams, and friendship."--Booking Mana"A story with spunk to spare."--Seven Impossible Things Before Breakfast"A story about teamwork and determination."--Publishers Weekly

Beautiful story of two rivals who become friends... set in a historic time of the parade honoring America's first woman Olympic runner gold medalist. The illustrations are evocative and sassy. Great for girls interested in running, or in civil rights history.

Wilma Unlimited is one of my favorite books of all time, and this is a delightful companion book to it that doesn't disappoint! The Quickest Kid in Clarksville takes a historical setting and storyline and gives it relevance, authenticity, and relatability for today's young readers. The competitive nature of the female protagonist is empowering, and the way the conflict resolves is believable, unexpected, and heartwarming. I've definitely found new picture book favorite to shelve beside an old one.

Great book, so many great messages...friendship, teamwork, motivation and heroes. A good read for any young child, especially girls.

My 7 yr old granddaughter has been running with an after-school group and doing 5ks. She enjoys

reading this book about other girls who run, being inspired by someone, and friendships.

I like the books on for children because you categorize them by age. Seems using that for my selection of books, I always get one that makes my niece happy.

My 7 y/o daughter loves to run and I wanted to get a book that she would love... We read this book before one of her cross county races last fall!

Love this book! I love that it tied in history for my daughter. We live right outside of Clarksville and she really liked reading about someone who she could possibly meet in town one day.

A wonderful book for girls.

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