

Bios for Boomers: Our Memories /Children's History

Some of us love to immerse ourselves in the 600+ page unauthorized biography filled with all the gritty details, true or not, about the politician or star of our youth. But if you really want to relive, or just recall, your youth for a little while, you can read a dozen biographies written for kids in the same amount of time. Today's juvenile biographies are beautifully written, accurate, and don't ignore the less attractive qualities of their subjects. They'd also be great to share with your kids - what conversations you could have!

Here are a few to get you started.

[High Hopes: A Photobiography of John F. Kennedy](#) by Deborah Heiligman.

The photos took this boomer right back to elementary school.

[Rosa Parks: My Story](#), by Rosa Parks with Jim Haskins, Did you know she used to sing with Coretta Scott King? Here she gives a very personal perspective to a lot about the civil rights movement that some of us just saw on TV.

[John's Secret Dream: The Life of John Lennon](#) by Doreen Rappaport, illustrated by Bryan Collier.

Free verse text combined with lyrics and fabulous illustrations capture the life and spirit of John Lennon. This same partnership also created a wonderful book about the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, [Martin's Big Words](#).

[Yoko Ono: Collector of Skies](#), by Nell Beram and Carolyn Boriss-Krimsky

Whether or not you blame her personally for the breakup of the Beatles, I bet you don't really know much about her life. This brand new biography will give you the rest of the story.

[I and I: Bob Marley](#) by Tony Medina. Illustrated by Jesse Joshua Watson

Seventeen poems tell the life of Bob Marley, evoking Jamaica and Marley's lyrics. Endnotes include details on the events of Marley's life that inspired the individual poems.

[Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing](#) by Ann Angel.

An unflinching and sympathetic look at the wild woman of rock-and-roll, with tons of photos that will take you back to parties your parents never knew about.

[You never heard of Sandy Koufax?!](#) By Jonah Winter. Illustrated by André Carrilho.

This picture book biography tells the story of the "greatest lefty who ever pitched" in the vernacular of one of his teammates. And the cover is too much fun!

[Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way](#) by Peter Golenbock. Illustrated by Paul Lee

The title says it all. This picture book biography follows Aaron's path towards taking the lifetime home-run record from the Babe in 1974.

[Reaching for the Moon](#) by Buzz Aldrin. Illustrated by Wendell Minor

A picture book autobiography of the second man to step on the moon. Bet you don't know why he's called Buzz!

If you want to go further back in time or stay in this new century, we have bios for that, too.