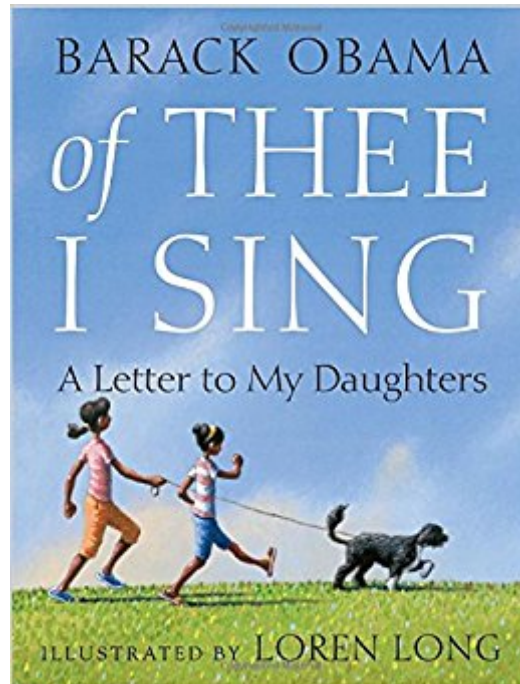




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Of Thee I Sing: A Letter To My Daughters



Synopsis

In this tender, beautiful letter to his daughters, President Barack Obama has written a moving tribute to thirteen groundbreaking Americans and the ideals that have shaped our nation. From the artistry of Georgia O'Keeffe, to the courage of Jackie Robinson, to the patriotism of George Washington, President Obama sees the traits of these heroes within his own children, and within all of America's children. Breathtaking, evocative illustrations by award-winning artist Loren Long at once capture the personalities and achievements of these great Americans and the innocence and promise of childhood. This beautiful book celebrates the characteristics that unite all Americans, from our nation's founders to generations to come. It is about the potential within each of us to pursue our dreams and forge our own paths. It is a treasure to cherish with your family forever.

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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 (c) Copyright 2011. —• Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Another great book for ALL people! My grandson, who is six, loved the story and illustrations! And so did I! Most of us have read at least one of Loren Long's many books he has written and/or illustrated. Well done Mr. President and Mr. Long!

I gave this book as a Baby Shower gift. All of the attendees enjoyed reading it and wanted to purchase copies for themselves.

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Heartbreaking in beauty and content.

So sweet!!! Loved it!!!!

This book is a wonderful story for all my students to hear/read. The illustrations are especially beautiful. I appreciate the diversity of American heroes written about in the book.

Great read, my daycare kids really enjoy it!

I absolutely loved this! I wish more presidents did something similar, I'm excited to let my God kids read this and explain to them who the girls are.

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