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In this new series, discover the lives of outstanding people from designers and artists to scientists. All of them went on to achieve incredible things, yet all of them began life as a little child with a dream. The first book follows Coco Chanel, from her early life in an orphanage - where she is a genius with needle and thread - to her time as a cabaret singer, hat maker and, eventually, international fashion designer. This inspiring and informative little biography comes with extra facts about Coco's life at the back.

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Cat Fithian says

I really like the message of putting your ideas out there, even if they're different. Brava.

Pauli says

Me encantó esta colección :)

Victoria says

Perfect book for my collection of Chanel books!

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Very nice 'gateway' book for someone who knows nothing about Coco Chanel.

Kaitlin says

* I was sent this for free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review *

This series aims to inform children about some interesting people who had big dreams and show them that these dreams can be achieved if you try. This particular book focuses on Coco Chanel who I knew little about before reading this (other than that she was involved in fashion) and so this was an excellent start point to finding out about her.

These books are also all illustrated with lovely artwork and full page spreads. The artwork of this one was one of my favourite styles of the series so far as it's a little darker and gloomier at times and I think that really worked with the story that's coming across. 3.5*s recommended if you have children!

Hilary says

3.5 stars. An overview of the life of Coco Chanel. A nice enough book, the illustrations are okay but not as good as some in the series. A line or two of text on each page.

Maria Johansen says

Coco Chanel er andet bind i serien Små mennesker, store drømme. Den første bog i serien er Frida Kahlo. 'Små mennesker, store drømme' er en portrætserie med nogle af historiens sejeste kvinder i hovedrollerne. Den henvender sig til børn fra 5-årsalderen, og fælles for alle seriens bøger er budskabet om, at en stålsat vilje kan bane vej for ethvert lille menneskes største drømme.

I Coco Chanel lærer vi en 12-årig pige at kende, da hun og hendes lillesøster bliver taget i mod med åbne arme af en nonne foran et børnehjem. Ordene er få, og på siden står blot: "Dette er historien om pigen Gabrielle, der voksede op og blev Coco Chanel". Som det også var tilfældet med Kahlo-bogen, er der givet plads til barnets egne tanker og bogen lægger op til dialogisk læsning, hvor børn og voksne samtaler om billeder, som kun ledsages af den allermest nødvendige tekst. Vi lærer, at Chanel foretrak nål og tråd fremfor dukker, og at de andre piger fandt hende mærkelig. I hendes ungdom begynder hun at synge, og det er her hun får kunstnernavnet, Coco. Hendes tilgang til tøj og mode er, at det – i modsætning til datidens brug af stramme korsetter – skal være både flot og behageligt. Det er ikke let for Chanel at overbevise datidens kvinder om, at en kvinde ikke behøver korset og pailletter for at se smart ud, men med hårdt arbejde lykkes det alligevel den stålsatte kvinde at bryde igennem som Coco Chanel.

Bagest i bogen er der indsat en lille overskuelig tidslinje, som en hjælp til den voksne, når der skal tales om alt det, der ikke er sat ord på. Bogen (inklusive tidslinje) er også et oplagt sted at starte, når de mindste elever i folkeskolen skal begive sig i kast med deres allerførste projektarbejde.

Joanne says

Originally posted on Jo's Scribbles.

The Little People, Big Dreams series from Frances Lincoln is a series telling the stories of well known women, and the dreams they had as children, showing that children can one day achieve their dreams, no matter what they might be. They cover the hardships these women faced, but keep the stories appropriate for the readership. Each story also includes a short biography with photographs of the women.

Coco Chanel's story tells of how young Gabrielle grew up in a convent school became one of the most famous fashion designers. A girl with a passion for sewing, she would sew for a tailors after school, and sang in the evenings, earning the nickname "Coco". From sewing hats and opening a hat shop, to designing clothes that were short and straight, revolutionising women's clothes and freeing them from corsets.

Sarah says

Meet Coco Chanel- a young girl who is a bit different, but paves the way in women's fashion. Great for lower elementary readers

Cinthya_ch says

Rating: 4 stars

2016 Reading Challenge: A book translated to English

I was lucky enough to be in the bookstore Shakespeare & Company in Paris a few weeks ago and while roaming the beautiful shelves of the shop I was trying to find the perfect book to buy there to keep it as a memento of my visit and in the children's section I found this gem, the story of one of Paris' biggest icons, Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel. The book shows with few words and beautiful illustrations the outstanding life of Coco Chanel and it delivers the beautiful message that is okay to be different.

A very beautiful book about a very talented and special woman.

Tina says

Coco said that you can be unique and comfortable in your clothes, so long corsets!

Annie says

This cute little kids book is an introduction to a world renowned designer whose life, though quite controversial, was very interesting. Having read her biography once before, I wondered how they would tame her life story into a children's book but I have to say the authors and illustrators did a fabulous job to tell her story through sequential art and few words. The drawings reminded me of the cartoon "Madeleine". Quick read, definitely suitable to read to a younger audience. Special thanks to Allen & Unwin Publishers for sending me a review copy of this book.

Audrey Laurey says

I love this new "Little People, Big Dreams" series. All feature a different woman in history, her achievements, and biographical information you might not already know.

Though the series have the same author, the illustrators vary and also seem to be in touch with the personal style of the individual being featured in the biography. Just take a look at the covers of this as well as the Frida Kahlo bio to see the stylized differences.

A beautiful series telling genuine stories about weirdos and outsiders who made a name for themselves because of their authenticity and determination. Can't wait to read them all.

leynes says

Ya gurl is craving some children's literature as it seems. :> Not sure why but every time I go to my local bookshop now I cannot restrain myself and need to read one of the *Little People, Big Dreams*-biographies. I'll be through that series in no time, just you wait. ;)

The installment on Coco Chanel was my least favorite so far. The information which Sánchez chose to display were quite boring; they could have been presented in a more exciting manner, highlighting the importance of Chanel's work in regards to women's clothing and her achievement of making them more comfortable and liberating.

With that being said, the illustrations by Ana Albero were superb and a joy to look at.

Angie says

Coco Chanel is part of the Little People, BIG DREAMS series. This children's biography is written in a format that is easy to read and comprehend. Readers learn about Coco Chanel's life and inspiration, all while learning a very important lesson – it is okay to be unique. This book also shows readers that with hard work, you can accomplish your dreams no matter who you are or where you come from. An added bonus is the additional biographical information and pictures at the end of the story. A copy of the book was provided for this honest review; however, no other compensation was provided.
