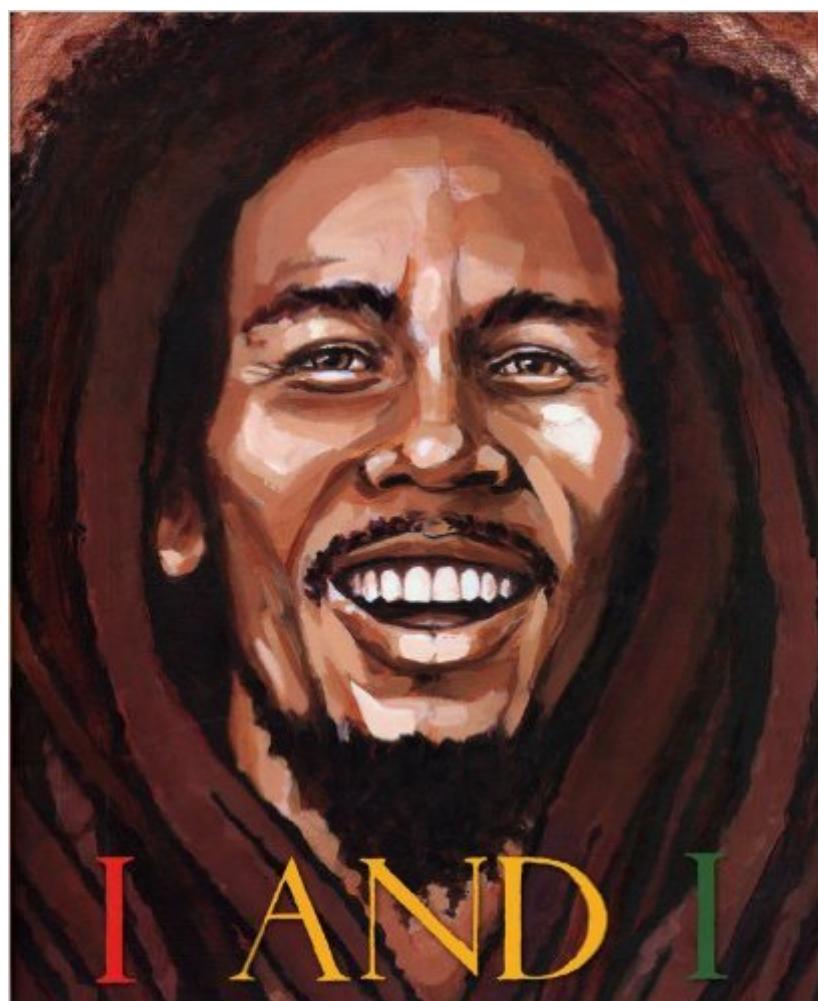


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# I And I Bob Marley



## Synopsis

This is a biography in verse about the Jamaican reggae musician Bob Marley, offering an overview of key events and themes in his life, including his biracial heritage, Rastafarian beliefs, and love of music.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

A child was born in the village of Nine Miles, Jamaica. People say that when he was born, "three little birds perched on the windowsill singing sweetly to the newborn." People said it was an omen and that this child would be blessed. As he grew people around him noticed that he was gifted in many ways and by the time he was five years old Nesta Robert Marley was reading palms in his grandfather's store. His father, a sixty-three-year-old white man, was said to have taken advantage of his young mother even though they did marry. He up and abandoned them soon after this special baby was born, but later came back to take him to become an "errand boy." It became Omeriah, his grandfather's job, to mentor and help raise him. His skin was light, his features European . . . his heritage was an embarrassment to him. Would his mother be able to get her son back? What would become of this special baby when he grew up, if he grew up?"As I work in Granpapa's storePeople come to me toRead their palmsMama says I'm specialShe says I'm charmedLike a prophet from the

BibleI just sit and smileGlad to be her chileGlad she's in my future . . ."I loved the way this book makes the reader "feel" and sense the spirit of Bob Marley. This book is like a musical composition unto itself. The poetry provides the lyrics to Marley's life and the artwork provides the melody. Never really having known anything about him, I moved away from this book with a real sense of whom he was. The artwork is very vibrant, colorful, sweeping and quite appealing. In the back of the book the author's notes are, in reality, a short biography of the little boy from the Nine Miles to the Reggae artist with a song in his heart. This is a wonderful tribute to Marley and you might want to consider this book if you are a fan or simply want to know more about his life!

I love this book. It is a biographical book of poems about Bob's life from his birth to his death. The brilliance of this book is that it uses vivid illustrations for each poem to make the life of Bob Marley jump off the pages and into the heart of the reader. It details things average people do not know about his upbringing, him being called a prophet amongst his people from an early age. His longing for his father after he left. All written in a form very accessible for children. This is the way I love to teach about the lives of famous people. With living books like this. You see just how regular Bob was, yet still so exceptional at the same time. I think children can relate and be inspired by people that aren't always where they want to be, but through life become what they wish to be. I highly recommend this book, The poetry is perfect for children. In the back of the book there is a background story for each poem and how it relates to a time in Bob's life, So this book is poetry and a biography at the same time. Very valuable information on his life in the back of the book. You won't be disappointed this book covers all the main events in his life, A brilliant way to teach about a brilliant man. My favorite poem is called 'Fate Opens Up His Hands' It is about his love of soccer and how he hits his toe while playing and it doesn't heal, this becomes the cancer that takes his life. The poems are gentle and sweet, but never shy away from the realities of Bob's life. Wonderful book!!!!

Of the numerous Marley books out there, almost none of them depict Bob from the painter's eye. The work in this book is beautiful and I love how it traces Bob from boy to man. And my son just loves the pix as well. Some very powerful images here! Definitely at the top of my favorites in my collection of Marley books.

Bob Marley, renowned musician, poet, and advocate, made lasting and invaluable contributions to society. His songwriting and musical performances, with their messages of equality and hope,

contributed to the rapid spread of reggae music around the world and earned him numerous high-profile awards. His political and ethical views, deeply intertwined in his music, strengthened his international appeal and also turned him into one of Jamaica's leading advocates for social justice. This outstanding collection of original poems and bold, expressive artwork pays tribute to Bob Marley and introduces younger readers to his early years and his subsequent growth into a successful musician and spiritual leader. Thoroughly ingrained in the text and illustrations are important economic themes related to extreme poverty, inequality between blacks and whites, and the various forces -- including talent, mentorship, and entrepreneurial zeal -- that can nurture professional development. It is this combination of informative content with dramatic story-telling media that makes *I and I* such a potent vehicle for teaching the next generation about an influential artist and social leader who spread his message of peace in a truly innovative way.

Bob Marley was an amazing musician and tremendously gifted person. These poems shine details on his childhood as well as some of the influences of his music. The illustrations are colorful and clearly identify with island life. The notes provided for the background of each poem will assist in hours of discussion for those family reading sessions. 5+++ stars

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