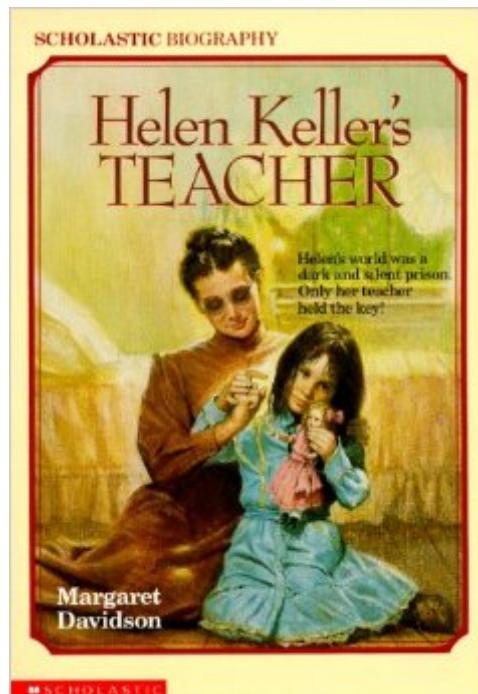


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# Helen Keller's Teacher (Scholastic Biography)



## **Synopsis**

The true story of the dedicated woman, Anne Sullivan Macy, who became Helen Keller's teacher and lifelong friend.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Helen Keller's teacher was a very interesing book. The book is about Annie Sullivan ( Helen Keller's teacher) as a young girl. This biography discusses and observes how Annie from ayoung age goes blind from a disease she contracted when she rubbed her eyes and scrathed her cornias. She goes on to school and learns to read braille because she couldn't see. She has a very tough and hard life. She had surgery on her eyes and it was successful. She could see. She then, finished school and went to teach Helen. She could deal with the same tantrums Helen displayed because she herself acted that way out of frustration. This book taught me that it is a lot of hard work to teach a kid. You have to have a lot of patience. I recommend this book because it explains how people have to work for their accomplishments. This book had a lot of information on Annie Sullivan. This book was sad because Annie Sullivan didn't have a good childhood. There was lots of disappointments and sadness in her life. She overcame so many obstacles and ended up being an inspirational leader for Helen. I hope you will read this book and learn about Annie's childhood.

the name Helen Keller. I remember ordering this book through the Scholastic Book Club when I was ten. I couldn't wait to read the book. Anne Sullivan came from a background of poverty, neglect and disease; Helen a comfortable home in Alabama. Yet if not for Anne Sullivan, Helen might have wound up in a home for those whom society can't help. The only positive characteristic Anne Sullivan got from her childhood was tenacity and perseverance, and those qualities served her well when she set out to teach Helen Keller. From the time I was 10, Anne Sullivan has always been my hero. She never gave up, she was creative, stubborn, and believed a human being could accomplish anything he/she set their mind to. She was right.

True story of Annie Sullivan's life. She was a miracle and a godsend to Helen Keller - a deaf, blind and mute girl who had never been able to communicate with others before the arrival of Annie Sullivan. Annie was not only Helen Keller's teacher but also Helen's best friend. You will see Annie's struggling endeavor to teach Helen to speak and she was eventually successful. I highly recommend this book to you and your young children.

Anne Sullivan Macy's work with Helen Keller is certainly groundbreaking. A survivor of paternal abuse, abandonment in a poorhouse with her terminally ill brother and a nearly-lifelong battle with trachoma all hardened Ms. Macy's armor. She was so bright and determined that she made a good academic showing at the Perkins Institute for the Blind and it was through this noted institution that she was assigned to work with Helen Keller, who suffered the dual challenges of being blind and deaf. One admires her gritty determination; she survives the poor house, which was a genuine Chamber of Horrors; she survives being relegated there with her terminally ill brother as no other relatives were willing to take her in; she survives the painful loss of her brother and the subsequent losses of others she came to know in the poor house. This is a good starter book and provides interesting information about Anne Sullivan Macy's life. The one drawback is that it does get stuck at the water pump where Helen learned, from Ms. Macy's constant spelling into her hand that all things have a name. This "watershed" landmark in Helen Keller's life is, in her words, "her soul's birthday." Helen, then nearly 7, learned at the now famous water pump that all things can be identified by name. For her, that singular lesson served as her lifelong key to communication. I admit, I do get rather tired of that water pump scene because many otherwise good works seem to get stuck there. Many books that cover Helen Keller, this one included, languish at the water pump and with what little speed the book has left gives scant attention to the many accomplishments these women made and their indelible stamp on history.

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