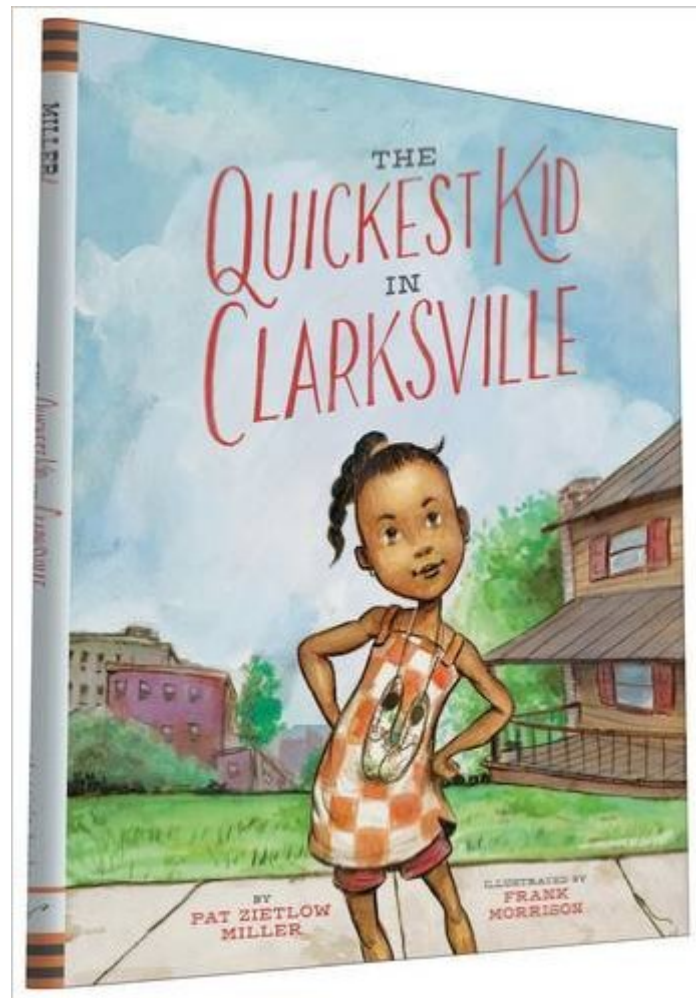


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# The Quickest Kid In Clarksville



## Synopsis

It's the day before the big parade. Alta can only think about one thing: Wilma Rudolph, three-time Olympic gold medalist. She'll be riding on a float tomorrow. See, Alta is the quickest kid in Clarksville, Tennessee, just like Wilma once was. It doesn't matter that Alta's shoes have holes because Wilma came from hard times, too. But what happens when a new girl with shiny new shoes comes along and challenges Alta to a race? Will she still be the quickest kid? The Quickest Kid in Clarksville is a timeless story of dreams, determination, and the power of friendship.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Summary: Alta's pretty sure she's the fastest kid in Clarksville, Tennessee, until Charmaine comes along and challenges her to a couple of races. Charmaine's got new sneakers, and Alta's toes are poking out of hers, but the contest ends in a draw.

Alta's unhappy about the new girl, until the next day, when she's racing to get herself and her banner to the parade in time to see Olympic medalist Wilma Rudolph go by. The two girls work together, and find themselves with a curbside seat to the parade. Wilma gives them a wave and a smile, and the two girls find themselves smiling at each other as well. An author's note gives a brief history of Wilma Rudolph and her victory parade, which she

insisted be the first major integrated event in Clarksville's history. 40 pages; ages 5-8. Pros: A fun story of friendship, served up with a slice of history. Frank Morrison occasionally channels Hillary Knight in his action-packed illustrations. Cons: Kids will need a little background on Wilma Rudolph before reading this book to fully appreciate the story.

Wilma Unlimited is one of my favorite books of all time, and this is a delightful companion book to it that doesn't disappoint! The Quickest Kid in Clarksville takes a historical setting and storyline and gives it relevance, authenticity, and relatability for today's young readers. The competitive nature of the female protagonist is empowering, and the way the conflict resolves is believable, unexpected, and heartwarming. I've definitely found new picture book favorite to shelve beside an old one.

As a long-time fan of Wilma Rudolph, particularly the book WILMA UNLIMITED, I welcomed this addition to the story of her life. After winning fame in the Olympics Wilma quietly continued to wield influence in many lives, lifting hopes and possibilities by her examples and leadership. This story plays out in the credible characters and their own ambitions: kids who looked up to Wilma for inspiration, and found it within themselves to be their best. Individually and cooperatively.

What a beautiful and inspiring tribute picture book to the amazing athlete, Wilma Rudolph! Author Pat Zietlow Miller knows how to capture an time period and language of her characters. In fact she captures the enthusiasm and pride of Alta, Charmaine, dee-Dee and Little Mo. A fun story with great back matter to read in the Author's Note. Illustrated by Frank Morrison. Published by Chronicle Books. #sixties #WilmaRudolph #racing #trackandfield #Olympics

My son took an instant liking to this book. We have a full bookcase of kids books, but when his pre-school class was asked to bring in one book to share, this was instantly his choice. An inspirational book that touches on empathy, friendship, and overcoming adversity.

A wonderful book for girls.

Love this book! I love that it tied in history for my daughter. We live right outside of Clarksville and she really liked reading about someone who she could possibly meet in town one day.

This is a wonderful book about friendship and resilience. I love the bit of history the author brought

into the story. I want all of my grandkids to read this book.

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