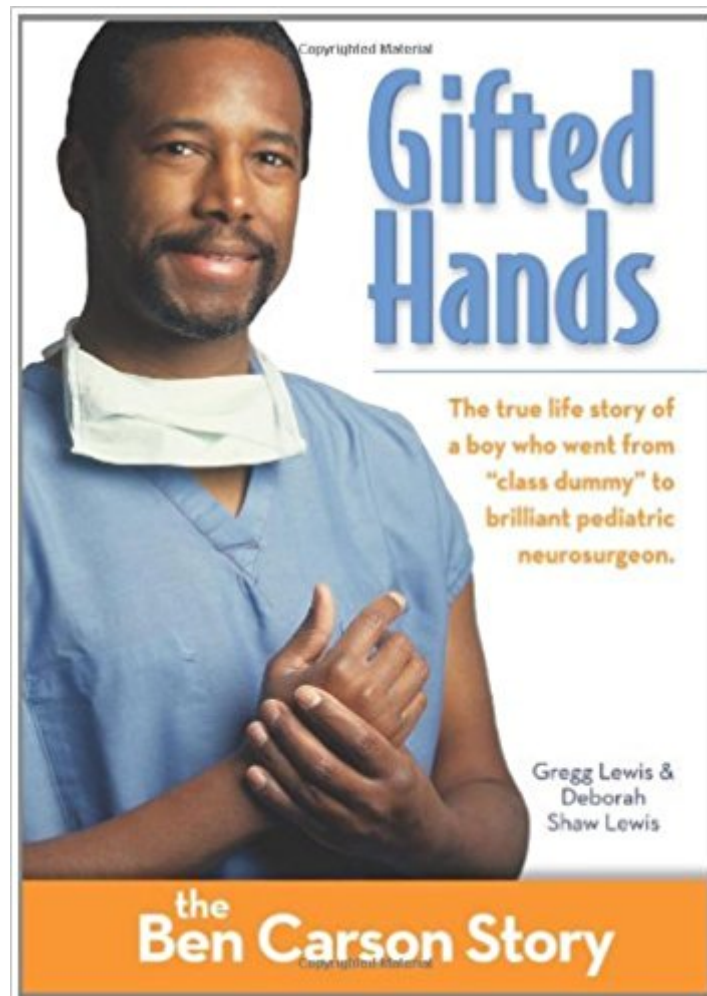




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# Gifted Hands, Kids Edition: The Ben Carson Story (ZonderKidz Biography)



## Synopsis

Ben Carson used to be the class dummy. Today he is one of the world's most brilliant surgeons. Gifted Hands Kids Edition tells the extraordinary true story of an angry, young boy from the inner city who, through faith and determination, grew up to become one of the world's leading pediatric neurosurgeons. When Ben was in school, his peers called him the class dummy. But his mother encouraged him to succeed, and Ben discovered a deep love of learning. Ben found that anything is possible with trust and determination.

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## Customer Reviews

The movie, "Gifted Hands," airs on TNT on February 7, 2009, and portrays the amazing, true story of Dr. Ben Carson. In this special movie tie-in print edition, kids will read how an angry inner-city boy grew up to become one of the world's greatest neurosurgeons, and they will learn how anything is possible with faith and determination. Many had given up on Ben, including himself, but his mother never did. She encouraged him to do better and reach higher for his dreams. There are photographs of Ben and his family throughout the text with an 8-page color section of movie and behind-the-scene images. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gregg Lewis is an award-winning author and coauthor of more than fifty books, including *Gifted Hands*, *The Ben Carson Story*, *Take the Risk* and *The Big Picture*. Deborah Shaw Lewis has authored or coauthored more than a dozen books, including *Gifted Hands*, *The Ben Carson Story*, has taught school, does professional storytelling, speaks on motherhood and family issues, and holds a master's degree in early childhood development. She and Gregg are the parents of five children. ã ã

The Movie, *Gifted Hands*, is true to the book and Ben Carson's life story. Having seen him in person, he went over everything covered in the movie word for word practically. This book is a great middle school book for a biography assignment. It shows great character how someone can overcome their circumstances and be successful, a great model for today's youth. Incidentally, he is a hysterically funny man, not sure why in public you never see that. When he spoke at a dinner I went to, I thought he was a comedian. Seriously, you'd never guess it from his presidential run, but he is a very jovial guy and his wife is lovely. Watch the movie on Netflix and get the book for your kids or grandkids.

I am a 3rd grade teacher in a Title I (low SES) school, and I am using this book for Read-Aloud. My students are hanging on every word, and my students and I are inspired and motivated by Ben Carson's story. The book immediately hooked my students, as they made personal connections with Dr. Carson's childhood. This book is great to use for character traits, sequencing, cause and effect, context clues, and more. Opportunities exist for students to create reports, bio-poems, and web quests on Dr. Ben Carson by doing some online research about his current accomplishments and non-profit program. I work at a public school, but I don't think the Christian references will be causing an issue. There are mentions of Ben Carson praying and his reliance on the Lord is explained. As a Christian, I am impressed by Dr. Carson's relationship with the Lord in the good and bad times. The mentions are subtle, and to remain compliant to the rules of public school, I explain to my students that people find inspiration, motivation, and comfort in different things. Dr. Ben Carson looked to God to center him in life, and I tell them that others may turn to hobbies, family, friends, or activities. A few of my 3rd graders are sensitive to the medical vocabulary, which for many of them is tied to cultural beliefs about medical procedures. At the first mention of blood, a few of them cringed. As we've moved through the story, they have lost that reaction. I've also adjusted my reading rate during the paragraphs that give some of the descriptions of procedures. By speeding it up a bit, they don't get "the willies." I think anyone would be pleased with this purchase!

My 11 yr old daughter needed to read a biography for a book report. We had an gift certificate and thought we would use it. Since it was February black history month, we originally searched for Bill Cosby, as she likes his TV show. We found this book instead. What a fantastic book to read!!! My daughter read it aloud to me entirely on her own, only stopping for those medical terms. She is NOT a book lover at all.... only reads because a book report is due, and even she commented how well written this book was and how much she enjoyed it. We both found that reading it was very inspiring and motivational. I enjoyed it just as much as she did too!! It was very well written for kids, and you don't feel like the adult version was 'dumbed' down. We were so enthralled with Ben's story, that we put his biography movie "Gifted Hands" starring Cuba Gooding Jr in our Netflix queue...we can't wait to watch it!

This book is one that I highly recommend for an upper elementary student or higher. Dr. Carson was the only African American child in his fifth grade, and the "dumbest." His mother, who worked as a domestic, noticed that books were very prominent in the homes where she worked, rather than television. She began requiring Ben and his older brother to read two books each week from the public library and writing book reports to her. She also limited television to only certain programs each week, for a small time limit. Ben was also required by her to finally memorize the multiplication tables. His scores in math improved, and in all his school subjects. He graduated third in his class, went to Yale, and eventually became the head of Johns Hopkins Pediatric Surgery. His mother's faith in God and his own personal faith are highlighted in his story. Dr. Carson has written several books and is highlighted in the movie, "Gifted Hands."

"This book is AMAZING"-- That's the consensus of the 2 boys that just read it! What a MUST READ story this is! Ben Carson has overcome countless obstacles in his life, and with God's faithfulness, he is able to persevere and succeed in phenomenal ways. This story (kids edition or regular) is also a MUST READ for Mom's! It was Ben's Mom who was determined to be his advocate and see that he grew up right, and that made ALL THE DIFFERENCE!!! Dr. Carson has a passion for public service as a physician, and a real desire to youth INSPIRED to "THINK BIG" and achieve their full potential.

Bought this version for my grandchildren, after I read the adult version. One chapter at bedtime...inspiring them to greatness as Ben Carson's mother inspired him. Kids ages 7 and 10 are

drawn in to the possibilities for greatness...especially for readers.

I bought it for a child and of course had to sit and read the book myself. It is a wonderful book, well written, inspiring and leaves you thinking- Where did the world go wrong?? This is a MUST READ for children who are growing up in an entitled world. Don't think of it just as a book about a doctor ( those great stories are included of course.) but rather as the story of a young man who against all odds got to where he is today; a happy, productive and successful human. You will see what hard work and good values will do for you! If you are worried about a political lean, you have nothing to worry about. You won't be disappointed!

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