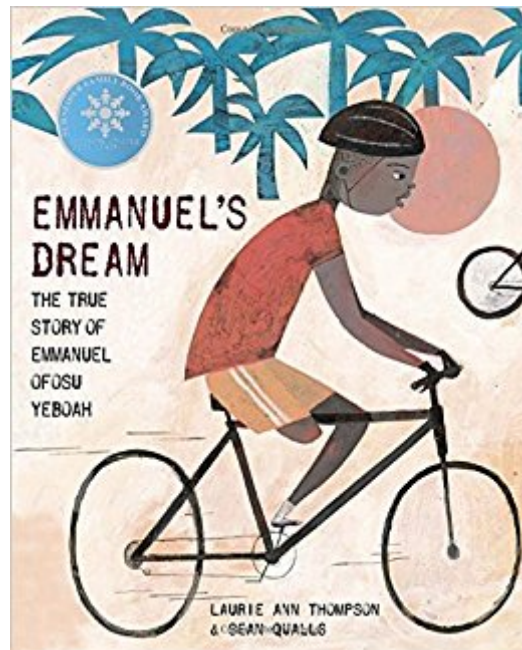




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# Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story Of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah



## Synopsis

Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah's inspiring true story—which was turned into a film, *Emmanuel's Gift*, narrated by Oprah Winfrey—is nothing short of remarkable. Born in Ghana, West Africa, with one deformed leg, he was dismissed by most people—but not by his mother, who taught him to reach for his dreams. As a boy, Emmanuel hopped to school more than two miles each way, learned to play soccer, left home at age thirteen to provide for his family, and, eventually, became a cyclist. He rode an astonishing four hundred miles across Ghana in 2001, spreading his powerful message: disability is not inability. Today, Emmanuel continues to work on behalf of the disabled. Thompson's lyrical prose and Qualls's bold collage illustrations offer a powerful celebration of triumphing over adversity. Includes an author's note with more information about Emmanuel's charity.

## Book Information

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K-Gr 2—This powerful and winning picture book tells the story of a young man overcoming the odds. Born in Ghana with a deformed left leg, Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah experienced stigma as a result of his disability: his father abandoned the family, and many assumed that the boy would be little more than a burden. However, with the encouragement of his mother, Yeboah refused to give up, hopping to school (instead of walking) and even learning to play soccer and cycle, despite receiving no extra help or accommodations. Thompson's lucidly written text explains how Yeboah

cycled 400 miles in 2001 to raise awareness, forever changing how Ghanaians perceived those with disabilities. The narrative is simply and clearly written, and the illustrations are skillfully rendered in charmingly emotive ink and watercolor collages. A brief author's note explains how Yeboah inspired legislation upholding equal rights for the disabled and how he continues to make strides, working with organizations that provide wheelchairs to those who need them and setting up a scholarship fund for children with disabilities. VERDICT This uplifting account will resonate with readers and supplement global and cultural studies. A triumph. —Kathryn Diman, Bass Harbor Memorial Library, Bernard, ME

Awards: Winner of the ALA Youth Media Awards Schneider Family Children's Book Award An Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Notable Children's Book for 2016 Listed in CCBC Choices 2016 by the Cooperative Children's Book Center Recipient of a 2015 Eureka Honor Award from the California Reading Association Finalist for the 2015 Cybils Award for Elementary/Middle Grade Non-Fiction Finalist for the 2016-2017 Georgia Children's Picturebook (Gr. K-4) Award AA Junior Library Guild selection A FirstBook #StoriesForAll featured title Included on the Winter 2014-2015 Kids' Indie Next List An Editors' Best Books of the Month Pick for January "...[S]imple line drawings and stylish, expressive figures filled with layers of rich, warm color on pale, thickly painted backgrounds — capture Emmanuel's triumphs beautifully." —Booklist "Thompson...presents a warm, matter-of-fact overview of the life of Emmanuel Ofofu Yeboah...[while] Qualls provides solid visual and emotional scaffolding for the setbacks and triumphs Yeboah faced." —Publishers Weekly "This powerful and winning picture book tells the story of a young man overcoming the odds." —School Library Journal starred review

Gain a new perspective on overcoming obstacles by reading this biographical book about Emmanuel Ofofu Yeboah. Born in Ghana with a deformed leg, Emmanuel was considered "useless" and "a curse," but not by his mother, Comfort, who "had faith." She uses tough love to show her son that he can be independent. When Emmanuel loses his mother as a teenager, he is determined to honor her by showing everyone "that being disabled does not mean being unable." Emmanuel organizes and completes a 400-mile bike ride across Ghana to bring attention to the difficulties the disabled in the country face. "The

young man once thought of as cursed was becoming a national hero. The mixed-media illustrations transport you to Ghana and burst with as much faith as Mama Comfort. You can't help but be inspired by this book.

This is such a beautiful, true story about overcoming obstacles and perseverance. I was moved to tears by it and my son loves it. I give this book my highest recommendation and an unequivocal 5 stars. Well written, compelling, and inspiring.

This is a lovely story, beautifully illustrated. I sent it to my daughter-in-law who teaches a class for disabled children. She said that they loved the story and that it evoked more conversation than anything she has yet read to them.

Inspiring story, perfect for a child with special needs who must overcome huge obstacles.

The moving true story of a boy in Ghana who has the courage to overcome a disability and become a respected adult.

Beautiful Story!!!GREAT book for KIDS 4-10 years.

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Great story. Shared it with my 4 year old son twice since receiving it today!!! Can't wait to share it with my students at school. Written by a school social worker.

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