Rosa Parks: My Story
by Rosa Parks

Difficulty Level: 4

This book is about Rosa Parks, a black woman who didn’t give her bus seat to a white man, so she got arrested. It tells about the struggle for black people’s rights, and tells about all the people who fought for those rights like Martin Luther King and others. It takes place down south in the 1950’s and 1960’s. It’s about segregation and how the laws was changed for discriminating against black people. Blacks and whites boycotted the buses. The boycott started in Montgomery and spread to wherever there was segregation laws. They also did the March on Washington. In the end, the laws were changed but it wasn’t easy. Rosa Parks died on 10-24-2005 at the age of 92. We recommend this book for reading and writing classes because it tells about the history and the struggle for all people’s rights.

What we liked about this book
• It’s interesting, gets our attention
• Is not depressing or sad
• We can relate to it
• It’s like real life
• It teaches about history
• It encourages us, makes us think about our life
• It doesn’t use too much slang.
• It’s for adults
• It’s for kids
• We feel comfortable thinking about the subject of the book.
• It takes place somewhere we can relate to
• It describes the place really well
• It has some difficult words
• It has good size print
• The sentences are not too long
• The paragraphs are a good size
• It has pictures

What we didn’t like about this book
• It’s a longer book that may take more than one semester to finish
Rosa Parks was an African American activist born in Tuskegee, Alabama in February 4, 1913. She had to drop from school twice, and did not finish her schooling until she was in her twenties. She married Raymond Parks who was also an activist. Rosa Parks had an incident on the bus. She was just on her way home from work and decided to use the bus. She sat in the front of the bus and she knew that she was not allowed to sit in the front, because the colored were forced to only sit in the back of the bus.