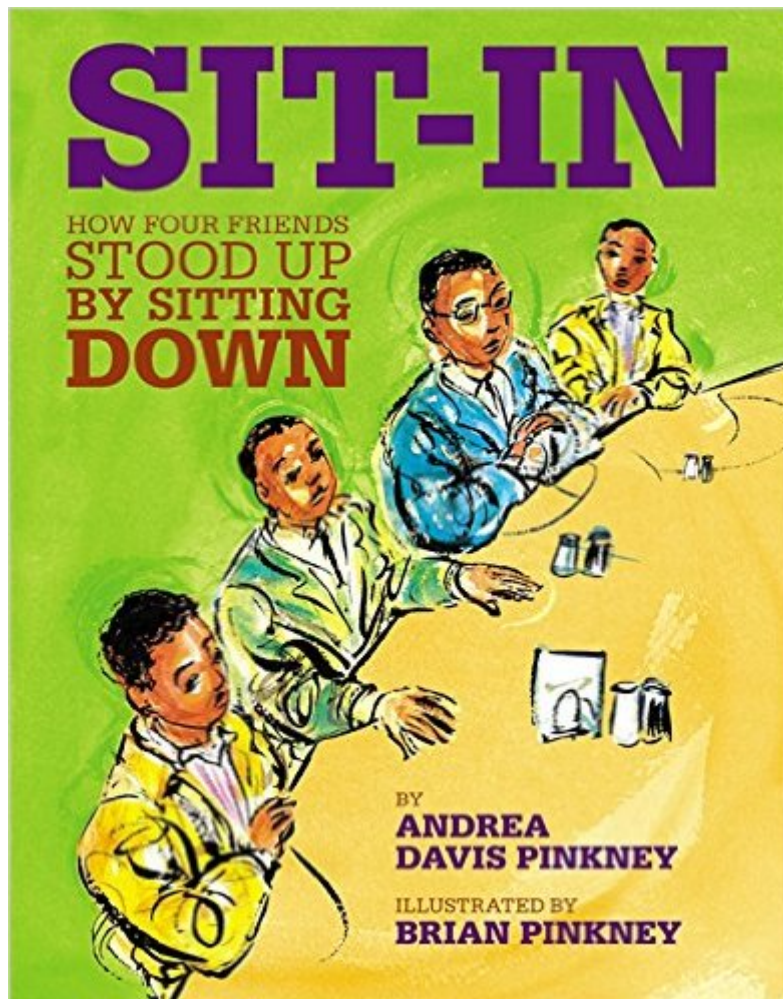


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# Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down (Jane Addams Honor Book (Awards))



## Synopsis

It was February 1, 1960. They didn't need menus. Their order was simple. A doughnut and coffee, with cream on the side. This picture book is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the momentous Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in, when four college students staged a peaceful protest that became a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality and the growing civil rights movement. Andrea Davis Pinkney uses poetic, powerful prose to tell the story of these four young men, who followed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s words of peaceful protest and dared to sit at the "whites only" Woolworth's lunch counter. Brian Pinkney embraces a new artistic style, creating expressive paintings filled with emotion that mirror the hope, strength, and determination that fueled the dreams of not only these four young men, but also countless others.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

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## Customer Reviews

A doughnut and coffee "with cream on the side" wasn't much to ask for in a place like Woolworth's where the lunch counter was a haven for young and old, eager for a little socialization and a little lunch. Four young black men, David, Joseph, Franklin, and Ezell quietly sat at the counter waiting to be served, but as the times dictated it wouldn't be any time soon. "WHITES ONLY" didn't get any

black person a napkin, let alone any food. They sat quietly, ignored by most, and proudly in spite of the refusal of the waitress to serve them. On the counter were the napkin holders, the round sugar containers, and the salt and pepper shakers, but definitely no doughnuts and coffee "with cream on the side." It just wasn't going to happen because "segregation was a bitter mix." Very bitter indeed. A stern looking police officer strolled to the counter, billy club in hand, but the boys were sitting quietly, politely and had not broken any laws. No one knew what to do, but when the store was closed the young men went home. On February 2, 1960, they went to the Woolworth's counter again. The cakes on display looked wonderful, but the only things they wanted were doughnuts and coffee "with cream on the side." Dr. King didn't live in Greensboro, but they remembered well his message, "We must meet violence with nonviolence." It was a difficult message to hold in the hearts of other young people around the country who joined them in their efforts. The sit-ins elicited cruel acts of behavior . . . "Coffee poured down their backs. Milkshakes flung in their faces. Pepper thrown in their eyes." A doughnut and coffee "with cream on the side" . . . please.

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