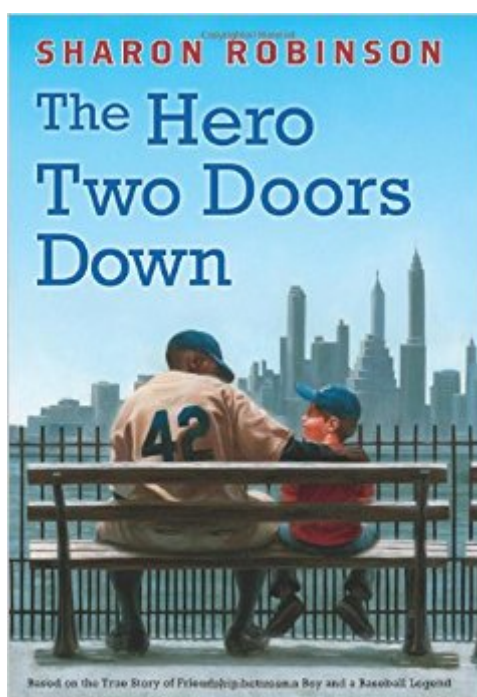


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# The Hero Two Doors Down: Based On The True Story Of Friendship Between A Boy And A Baseball Legend



## Synopsis

Based on the true story of a boy in Brooklyn who became neighbors and friends with his hero, Jackie Robinson. Steven Satlow is an eight-year-old boy living in Brooklyn, New York, which means he only cares about one thing—the Dodgers. Steve and his father spend hours reading the sports pages and listening to games on the radio. Aside from an occasional run-in with his teacher, life is pretty simple for Steve. But then Steve hears a rumor that an African American family is moving to his all-Jewish neighborhood. It's 1948 and some of his neighbors are against it. His hero, Jackie Robinson, broke the color barrier in baseball the year before. Then it happens—Steve's new neighbor is none other than Jackie Robinson! Steve is beyond excited about living two doors down from the Robinson family. He can't wait to meet Jackie. This is going to be the best baseball season yet! How many kids ever get to become friends with their hero?

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Every now and then I read a book written for youngsters that looks interesting. This 73 year-old guy thought this book was wonderful, and I'll encourage my grandson to read it. It was very well written, as well. It takes a look at race relations without getting "preachy". BTW, I was born in Brooklyn in 1942 (however, I have to admit that I was a Yankees fan).

My 8 year old and 10 year old LOVED this book. It made lots of good conversations after each chapter. At the end, both boys got into a deep conversation about what famous sports hero they wished they could be two doors down from as well. After we read it, we found it on the front cover of the Scholastic Book Fair flyer.

I was in Boise Idaho for my niece's bridal shower when I discovered this gem at a charming bookstore on Main Street. I almost died when I found out that Jackie's daughter was doing a book signing for her new book. Unfortunately I was leaving a day before the signing. I was so sad but at the same time I am so glad I found this book. I would have loved to meet her! I loved this story, from start to finish. I loved how we as the readers got to know the heart of not only Jackie Robinson but his wife and son along with the Satlow family. As I was reading this story I kept thinking this would be the neatest to live 2 doors down from your hero. I loved how we were able to see the friendship that was built between the two of them, meaning Jackie and Steven. Jackie really taught Steven about life lessons, and how we can make a difference in the lives of those around us. I also loved how the Satlows and Robinsons shared family traditions with each other. Jackie cherished the times the times he spent with Jackie. Steven learned that even though he was the biggest dodgers fan but Jackie was more than that to him, he was a friend, and they became like family. It was neat hearing about the Brooklyn Dodgers, and how many people loved them and how devastating it was when they moved to LA. There are two quotes I love in the book, this happens in the Epilogue and years later when Steven is going to Medical school and his father had just died. "You can't look back, Steve you've got to keep moving on and up. You'll become your best self if you stay focused, set goals, and don't let anyone stop you from making your dreams come true." This is so great because Jackie lived his dreams, he may have retired from Baseball and now a businessman but he still lived his dreams. The last quote I loved was "A life is not important except for the impact it has on other lives" I highly recommend this book!!!!!! Whether you are young or old everyone would love to live two doors down from their hero.

Sharon Robinson hits a home run with a story based on a true event in the life of her father, baseball legend Jackie Robinson. I began reading "The Hero Two Doors Down" in the evening and had my light burning past midnight to finish it. We are introduced to the main character in a way that made me not like him very much. That may not sound like a book that would keep me up late reading, but I came to appreciate the author's intent. The eight-year-old protagonist, Steve, is

established in the reader's mind as a real person with strengths, flaws and weaknesses. When Jackie Robinson moves to the predominantly Jewish neighborhood "two doors down" from Steve, both of their lives are changed in unexpected ways. Ms. Robinson brings to life the atmosphere of New York in the 1940s, along with the special friendship and understanding that develops between the two families. This is a thoughtful book that is also a lot of fun for baseball and history fans.

If you are into true friendships here is a good book for you. The hero two doors down by: Sharon Robinson teaches you what true friendship is. The story two doors down is about a kid named Steve who loves the game of baseball. His favorite players are from the dodgers are Jackie Robinson & Pee Wee Reese. Steve lives in a catholic neighborhood in Brooklyn. One day Steve's dad came home with good news a dodgers player was moving into the neighborhood but there was one problem they did not want the player in their neighborhood, because he was not catholic. Throughout the story you will find true friendship and opinions that challenge about people that are different. I really liked this book because it's about true friendship, and I think people from the age of 10 and up will love it.

Summary: Eight-year-old Stephen Satlow is beyond excited when he learns that Jackie Robinson and his family are moving into the house down the street. As a huge Dodgers fan living in Brooklyn, he can't believe that one of the most famous members of the team is his new neighbor. Although there is a bit of resistance to the integration of Stephen's mostly Jewish community, the Robinsons are welcomed by most of the families on Stephen's street, and the Satlows and Robinsons soon become good friends. Written by Jackie Robinson's daughter and based on a true story, this book includes an afterword about the two families' friendships and several photos of the main characters from the story. 208 pages; grades 3-6. Pros: A quick and engaging read about a true baseball fan, as well as a fun look back at post-World War II Brooklyn. Cons: Jackie Robinson comes across as a bit preachy, spouting words of wisdom every time he and Stephen have a conversation.

This was a fun way to learn more about how Jackie Robinson was just as much a hero off the field as on it when he was in Brooklyn.

I really liked it because it show you that even though someone is a celebrity doesn't mean he or she can't be your friend

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