The year was 1960. In some places, African-American children went to different schools than white children. They could not go to school together. A brave girl named Ruby Bridges helped change that.
Ruby was in first grade. She went to a school for African-American children. There was a school closer to her home. But it was only for white children.

Back then, many schools were segregated. White children and African-American children couldn't go to school together.

In 1960, a judge said that schools in Ruby's city had to be integrated. That means that all children could go to school together.

Ruby could go to the school closer to her home.

Ruby All Alone
Ruby was the first and only African-American child in her new school. Many people were angry.

They stood outside the school.

They yelled at Ruby. Many white parents took their children out of the school.

Ruby was put in a class by herself. Her teacher was Mrs. Henry. She taught Ruby all alone. Ruby loved Mrs. Henry. But she was lonely.

Ruby kept going to school anyway. She worked hard. She never missed a day.

Everyone Together
The next year, Ruby started second grade. She walked into her new class. The room was full of white and African-American children.

It was because of brave Ruby.
Read about Ruby Bridges today. Then answer the questions.

**Ruby the Author**

Ruby goes to schools and reads to children.

When Ruby grew up, she wrote two books for children about her life. In the books, she tells what it was like to go to school alone. She tells what it was like when people yelled at her. And she tells what it was like to have changed schools forever.

1. How many books did Ruby write? (Circle) the number in the text above.

2. Draw a box around who Ruby's books are for.

3. Underline one thing Ruby tells about in her books.

4. Put a ✓ by the covers of the books that Ruby wrote.