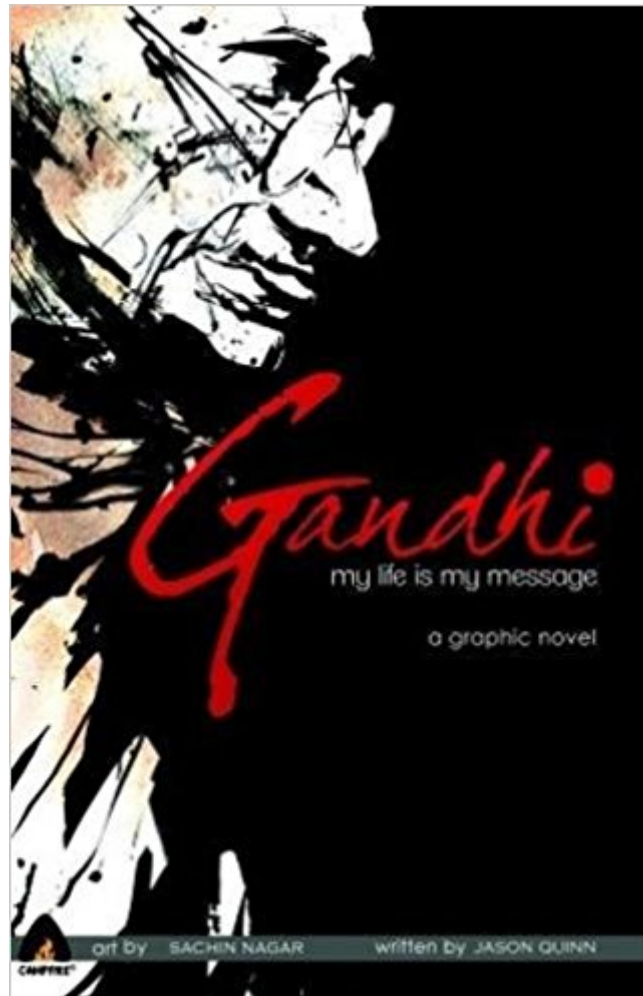




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Gandhi: My Life Is My Message (Campfire Graphic Novels)



Synopsis

How did this shy, unassuming lawyer transform himself into the leader of India's freedom movement? Renouncing wealth, ambition and comfort, Gandhi led by example, becoming one with the people he sought to free, facing imprisonment, hardship and humiliation while never raising his voice in anger. His strategy of nonviolent protest would become the model for the US civil rights movement led by Martin Luther King, Jr. and continues to change history throughout the world. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, better known as the Mahatma or Great Soul, took on the might of the British Empire armed only with a message of love and non-violence. In *Gandhi: Apostle of Peace* we discover the man behind the legend, following him from his birth in the Indian coastal town of Porbandar in 1869, to the moment of his tragic death at the hands of an assassin in January 1948, just months after the Independence of India.

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Gr 8 Up • On the night before his assassination, Mohandas Gandhi reflects on his life and his achievements, from a childhood affected by India's unjust caste system to his early days as a barrister in a segregated South Africa. Using his experiences and knowledge of religions, Gandhi leads the passive Satyagraha movement in India and starts a revolution against British rule.

Clashes between demonstrators and police are artistically depicted, and readers will have lots to think about in terms of the overall effectiveness of icon's actions, as well as the strengths and weaknesses of complete nonviolent resistance. The narrative is comprehensive, touching on most of Gandhi's long and accomplished life, with quotes seamlessly worked into the text. Quinn also tells an honest story, showing Gandhi's troubled relationships with his wife Kasturba and his oldest son, Harilal. Nagar's dark inking and soft-color approach invoke a gentle, watercolor feel and a timeless look. Unique panel variation paired with pictorial action scenes make this an entertaining read, as well as an informative and inspiring one. Extensive back matter includes quotations of the well-known figure. An excellent introduction to an important life. —Peter Blenski, Greenfield Public Library, WI

Starred Review Presented as a fictionalized memoir of the titular subject, this beautifully drawn and richly colored biography reaches from Mahatma Gandhi's childhood through his assassination. Quinn and Nagar have included a wide scope of information from Gandhi's formative experiences in South Africa and arguments with his wife to helpful incidental scenes that explain Indian caste politics, economics of the British Empire, and other historical background—all of which deepens understanding of Gandhi's life and the development of his behavioral code and theories of nonviolent protest. Just as the writing eloquently intertwines explication with reenactments of dramatic, poignant events, the panels are meticulously arranged to move the reader's attention from broad and busy scenes to intimate close-ups. The high production value of the work—including expressive watercolor illustrations and a sturdy sewn binding—ensures that this volume will have a long shelf life. A time line and additional sources are included, but it stands likely that this title itself will appear on future bibliographies devoted to concise and authoritative graphic biographies of the man. Pair with Jawaharlal Nehru's *Letters of a Father to His Daughter* (1929) for context about Gandhi's struggle and John Lewis's graphic autobiography, *March: Book One* (2013), for more on peaceful protest. --Francisca Goldsmith

My husband found this book for me while perusing the graphic novel section at our local library. I was excited to sit down and read it, as I have read very little about Gandhi's life. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. It was the perfect gateway for the uninitiated to learn about this man's life. I love the simplification and that it starts from the moment he was born to the moment of his death. You really get to know Gandhi through the pages, and are able to form your own opinions of his life and

words. This would also be a fabulous book for children- something with actual substantial content. After finishing this book, I promptly ordered it from to add to my personal library. A book I think I would pick up again and again, and reference every so often.

A terrific introduction to Gandhi's life and message! I bought this book for my middle school classes because they had asked a lot of questions about my Gandhi poster. The artwork is gorgeous, the storytelling on-point, and the text excellent.

I saw the movie and have read a few books but this one takes a boring bio (sort of) and brings it to life. A good book for people who want a quick idea of the man. Well done.

I bought this for my 13 year old daughter and she loves it.

Excellent graphic book to read!

Very good read!!

This is my first graphic novel and I came to know about this book through a women's group. I have already read Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography 'The Story of my experiments with truth' in my childhood. So, I have some expectations set on this book before reading it. This book is in the first person, as said by Gandhi himself. Even though the book covers all his important life events, it highlights more on his morals and why he believed in them. This book also portrays clearly the dilemma faced by Gandhi in different situations and how he has overcome a lot of problems undeterred. It is definitely an inspiring read. The autobiography of Gandhi is more detailed than this graphic novel. This novel seems like a quick recap or summary of the autobiography. One thing I liked most about the book is, it also portrays the dilemma in Gandhiji's mind when someone suggests him to go against his conscience. The clarity of his thought, ability to take the right decision, his patience and reasoning behind each decision are very well depicted in the book. I personally liked the details about his role during India and Pakistan partition and his feelings. The concepts of Satyagraha, self-reliance by using spinning/charkha, Enabling villages, leading a simple life, his opinion on Untouchability and finally, the Quit India movement is very inspiring to learn about. I would recommend this book to people of all ages and especially young, as there is a lot to learn from Mahatma Gandhi, our Father of the Nation. PS: I have picked this book from the library

and this is my honest opinion on the book. My Rating: 4/5

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