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# Stand Up!: 75 Young Activists Who Rock The World And How You Can, Too!



## Synopsis

Through their own voices and spirited calls to action, 75 of the world's most dynamic young activists share their extraordinary stories in this generation-defining collection for students, parents, teachers, volunteers, and community service leaders. Tapping into today's global youth movement where social entrepreneurship and activism merge at the intersection of business, pop culture, and nonprofit work, these stories showcase young men and women—some of whom started their efforts as early as three years of age—bringing savvy compassion and unstoppable courage to and from locations all over the world, including Africa, Pakistan, India, Peru, Colombia, Afghanistan, and the United States. Whether building freshwater wells in developing nations, fighting discrimination, saving animals, or honoring heroic soldiers, these are the young people on the frontlines, from mountain peaks to rain forests to school gardens and classrooms, changing the world for the better.

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## Customer Reviews

“Young activists today are not only lighting up the four corners of the globe with their humanitarian work and public service, now in *Stand Up!* they inspire, challenge, and show other young people that changing the world begins with each one of us taking a step forward!”  
—Tavis Smiley, author, *The Rich and the Rest of Us*  
“The young environmentalists and activists featured in *Stand Up!* are real-life examples of what will be

required for us to create long-lasting, sustainable solutions for our world and all the species who share it. I am inspired and delighted by their courage, vision, and tenacity.â•

â•Laura Turner Seydel, chairperson, Captain Planet Foundation" The courage, compassion, and vision of the young people featured in Stand Up! should inspire everyone, regardless of age, to champion for a world of equality, respect, and inclusion for all. I am in awe of the ingenuity and bravery of today's youth leaders:â• many have stared down prejudice, bullying, and stigma to change schools and communities for the better. My hope is that these stories will embolden bystanders to become up-standers."â•

â•Timothy P. Shriver, PhD, chairman and CEO, Special Olympics"Stand Up! profiles many young energetic people who will make the world a better place. It will inspire many young people to take the initiative to do a project that will make a real difference in people's lives."â•

â•Temple Grandin, author, Thinking in Pictures

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I worked all over the world with Peace Corps health, education and youth development workers. They showed me first hand that young people, given the opportunity, can work to better their communities in astonishing ways. This book can serve as inspiration for young people in America, too, who have indicated for decades on the Search Institute Developmental Asset quiz that though they have hope for their futures, they don't feel valued by their communities. This book provides first hand stories of how youth enterprise and determination can work wonders. I know we have such young people here in remote rural Washington State, where I live now, and I know all adults who buy this book to share with a young person, will be glad for the chance

This book is a real motivator. Because it is written by and for young-adult activists, it should nudge many young people on to do great things with their lives. Each young person tells his own story of the things he has done to make things better in the world. I read here of some who have even started their one nonprofits. Amazing! If you think all young people are lazy and are not preparing themselves for their futures as adults, read this book! You will meet our future leaders here.

Was a gift for high school student. I know the author personally.

I bought this to read the short stories to my daughter, hoping to inspire her to do the same. The essays seem to be written by the teenagers. While it is great that they are getting involved, the essays don't necessarily describe an inspiring turning point where they realized this was important to do... like a lesson learned. It would have been better if the stories were edited or re-written to include that inspirational moment. But, after only 3 or 4 stories, my daughter has lost interest in the book.

First of all, allow me to state how honored I am to own such a book. From what I have read in this book, I have been truly appreciative of such stories like the two young activists supporting deployed service-members with families by providing cell phone services, to a young lady who lectures around the world, regardless of battling cystic fibrosis. It comes as no surprise that this book has already become highly endorsed by such people like the director of the Special Olympics, Dr. Shriver and Tavis Smiley from BET. I sincerely hope that anyone who buys this book will be inspired by these 75 activists from all over the world. I would love to go into further detail, but I do not want to be guilty of depriving you of the powerful impact that reading this entire book will have on you. Peace and blessings to all who purchase this humbling blueprint on activism!!!

Several of the stories in this book moved me to tears...I am eternally inspired by our youth and the fact that it's now "cool" to make positive change in the world. Youngsters are moving from the TV and video games to getting out there and doing good. From saving the rain forests to doing inspirational talks while living with a deadly disease like cystic fibrosis, these young activists humble me and have inspired me to take action in my community. They can serve as an inspiration to all, both young and old, and a great reminder that we can all make a difference! I hope this book is well received and used in classrooms and youth groups around the world. I know I will be making donations to several of these movements showing my support!

This book is an incredible compilation of the accomplishments of 75 young activists who became involved in raising money and awareness for such worthy causes as greening our planet, to cancer research and everything in between. I am not a teacher or a student, but I found these stories fascinating and wholly uplifting. The future is truly bright with these positive young people leading

the way. This book is not only interesting and well written, but can start a conversation on how we all can do something, however small, to positively affect our lives. I am going to re-read this book whenever I watch too much news on TV and start feeling petty and pessimistic!

Thank you John for writing this book. I couldn't put it down and I am making my kids read it. After that, I will make my nieces and nephews read it. I ordered 4 copies. Reading about Jordyn Schara who, at the age of 14, started her own drug collection program because the government wouldn't help her - was very inspiring. If more of our students were directed to participate in community service, we would have a drastic drop in bullying, drop-outs and teen pregnancy because it is obvious that these activists become very motivated, self-empowered and acutely aware of issues around them.

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