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## Ruby Bridges Goes to School: My True Story

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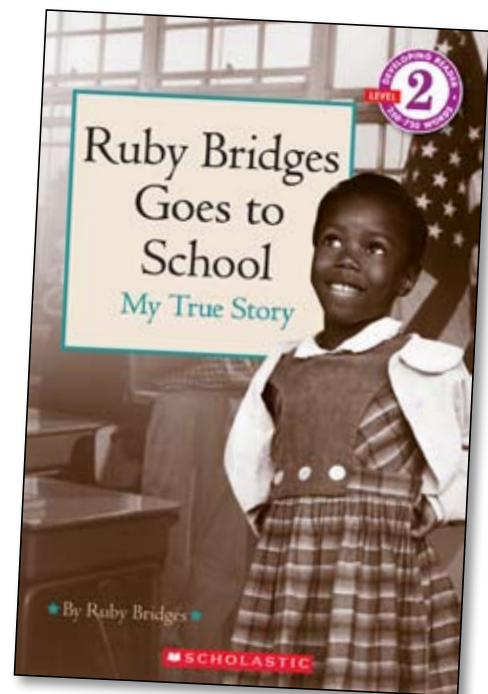
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It was not so very long ago that black children and white children did not go to the same schools.

Ruby Bridges was a six-year-old girl who lived very close to an all-white school. The government decided she should attend that school, and her parents agreed. So on her first day, she was taken to school by people who would protect her in case of trouble. The trouble Ruby found when she went to school that day was that some people did not want a black child to go to the white school. But her white teacher, Mrs. Henry, believed Ruby deserved a better education and she taught Ruby all year. No one else was in the classroom but Ruby and Mrs. Henry, so it was lonely without other children. Little by little, the white children returned. She finally had friends to play with!

Today, Ruby Bridges talks to students all over America about her history and the importance of acceptance.



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