Book: *Everyday Heroes*

Reviewed by: Literacy Class

Level of Difficulty: Medium

My thoughts about the book and its suitability for my group:

This book is a collection of twenty stories about real people of different nationalities and backgrounds who faced, and overcame, serious challenges as youngsters. They worked hard and turned their lives around. None of the people are famous, but each is a testament to the power of determination and the resilience of the human spirit.

You will read about Rod, an angry, fatherless child who was expelled from school for assaulting a teacher, and who today runs a program for high-risk young people. Another story is about Benjamin, who could barely read in the fifth grade, and today is a surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Students’ reactions to the book:

The students really enjoyed the stories, especially because they are about real people. The class felt the stories were well written and very interesting. They thought the stories were inspirational, and show that life is what you make of it.

Tips for other tutors who may want to use this book:

The stories gave the class a lot to talk about. While the vocabulary is not too difficult, some of the words were new to people. When there was an unfamiliar word, the class tried to figure it out based on the context.