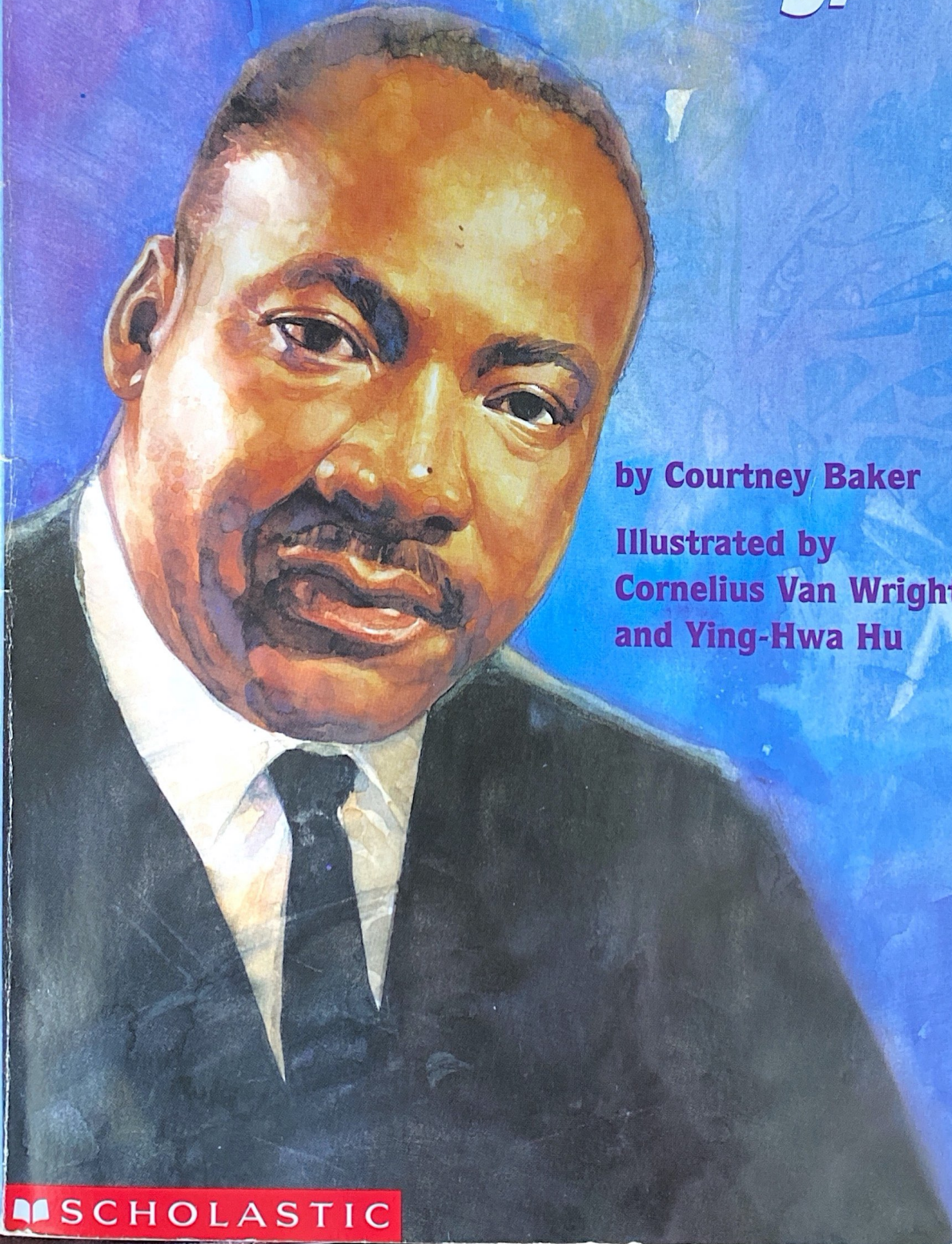


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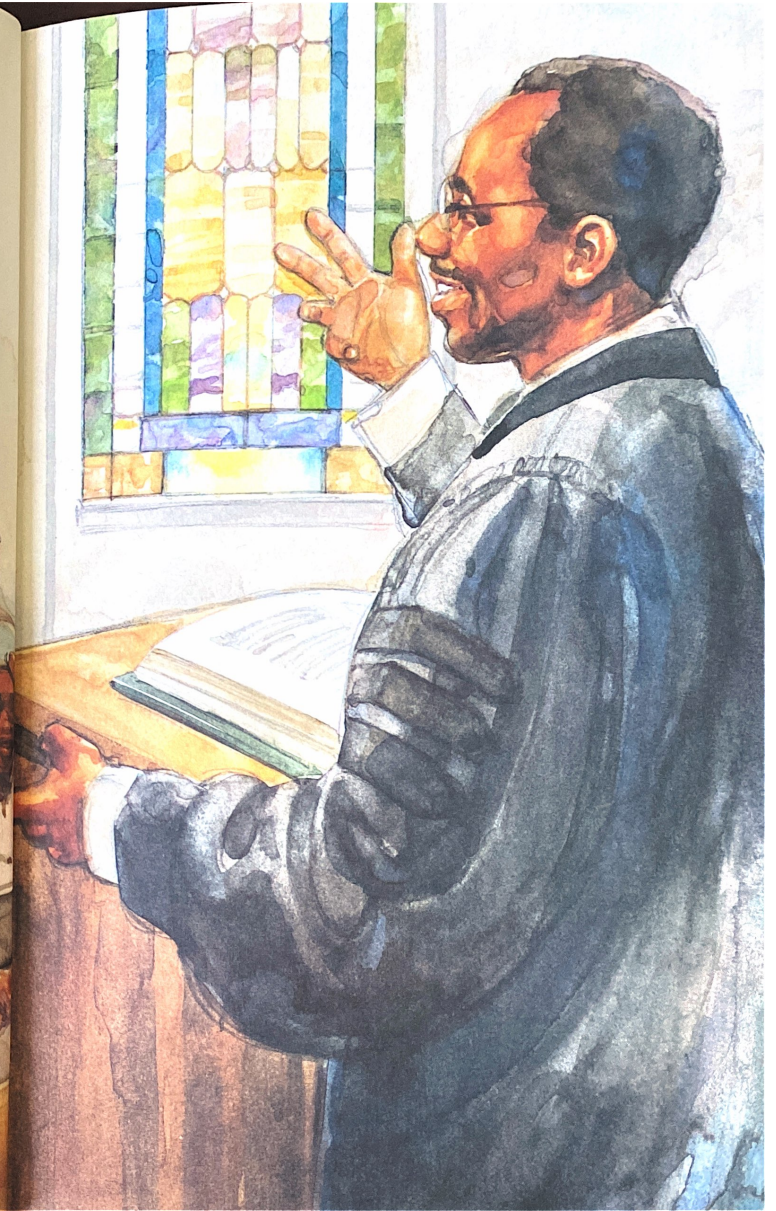
Martin Luther King, Jr., was born on
January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia.

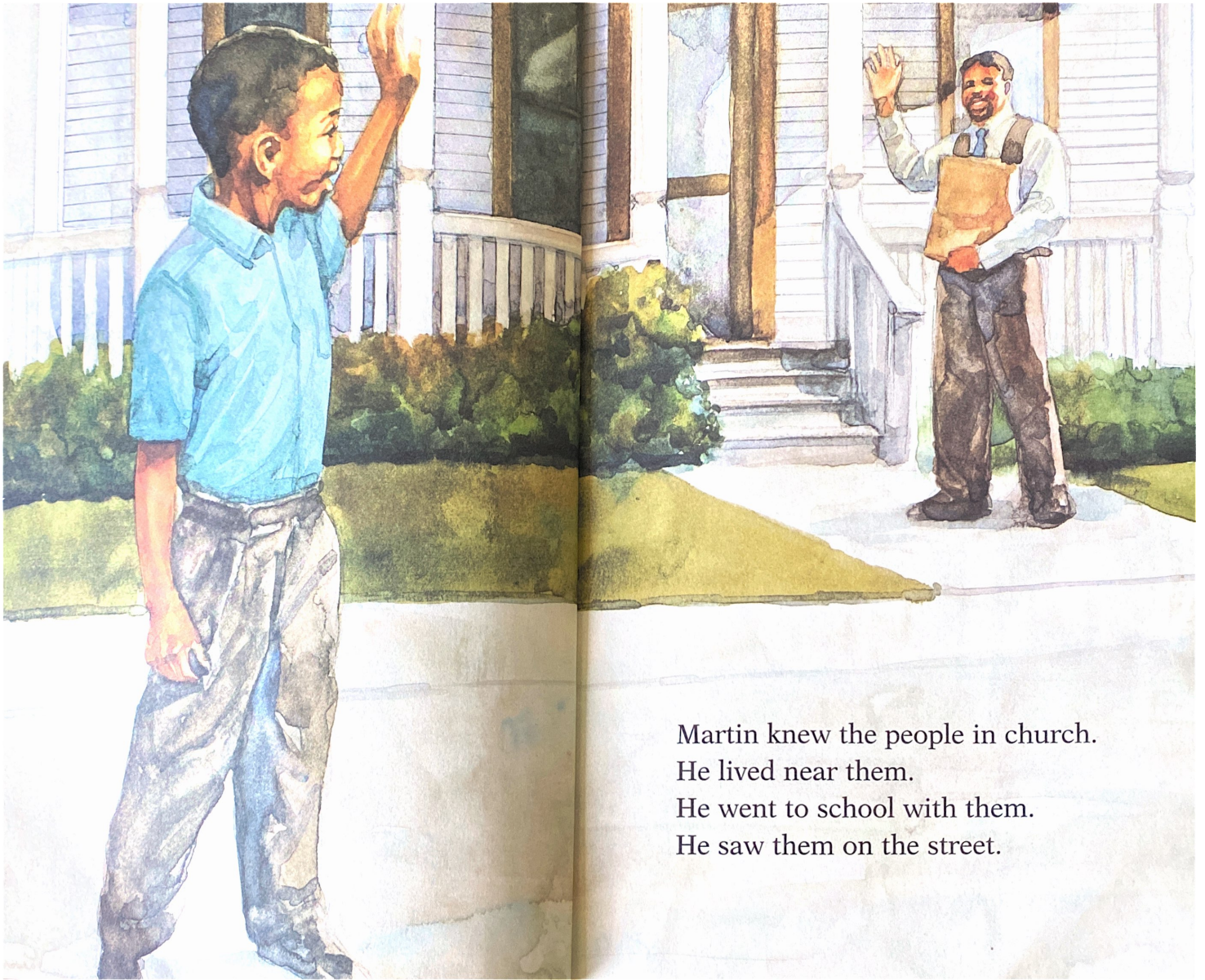


He lived with his parents.
He had an older sister and a younger brother.



Martin's father was a minister.
Martin grew up listening
to his father speak in church.
The people at church
liked the way Martin's father spoke.
They sang and clapped.





Martin knew the people in church.
He lived near them.
He went to school with them.
He saw them on the street.

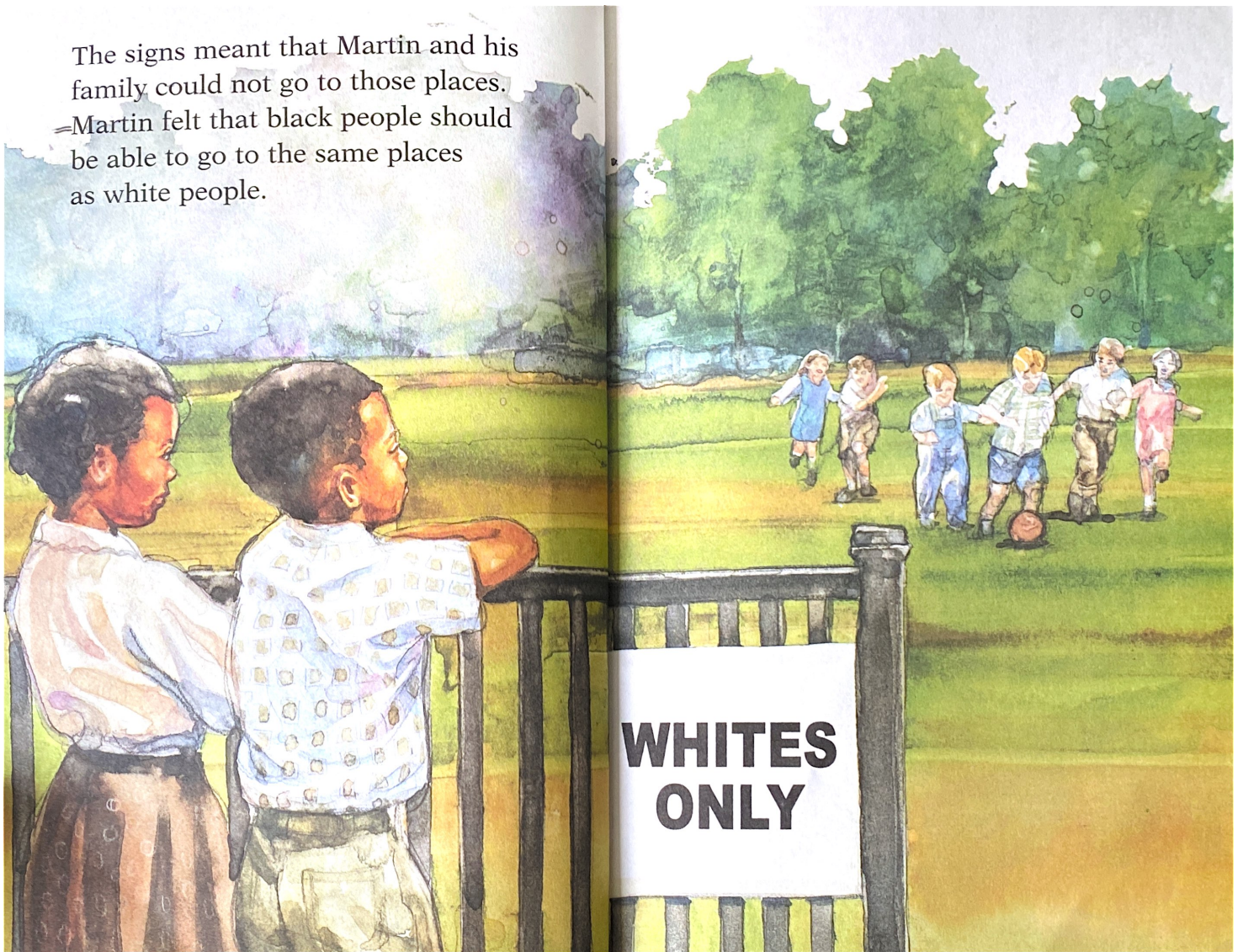


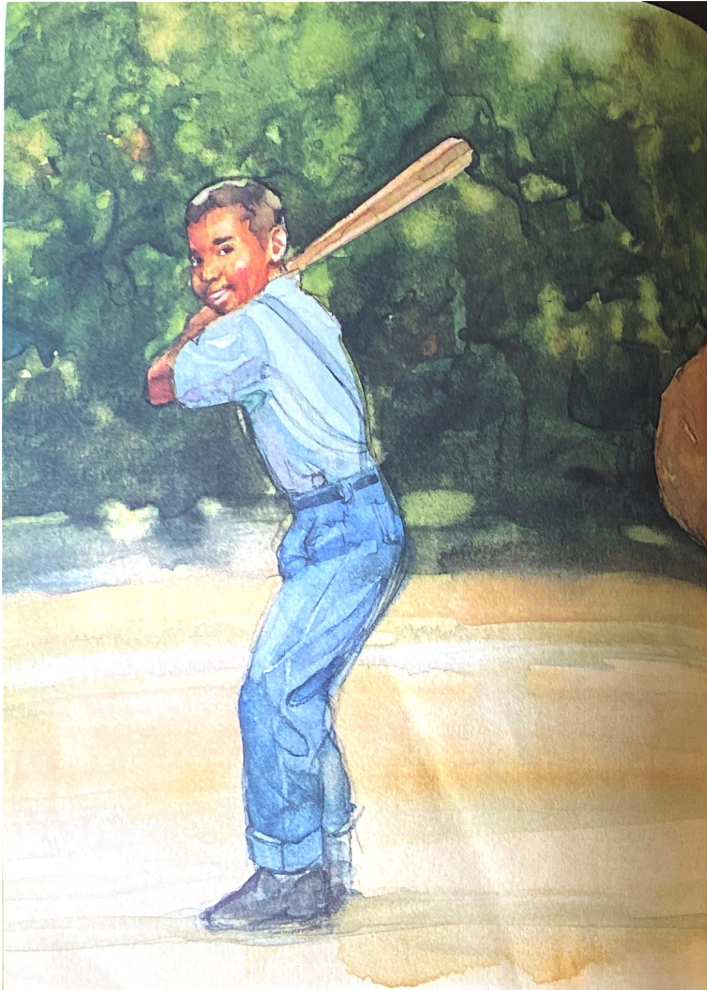
Sometimes, Martin went to the city with his family.



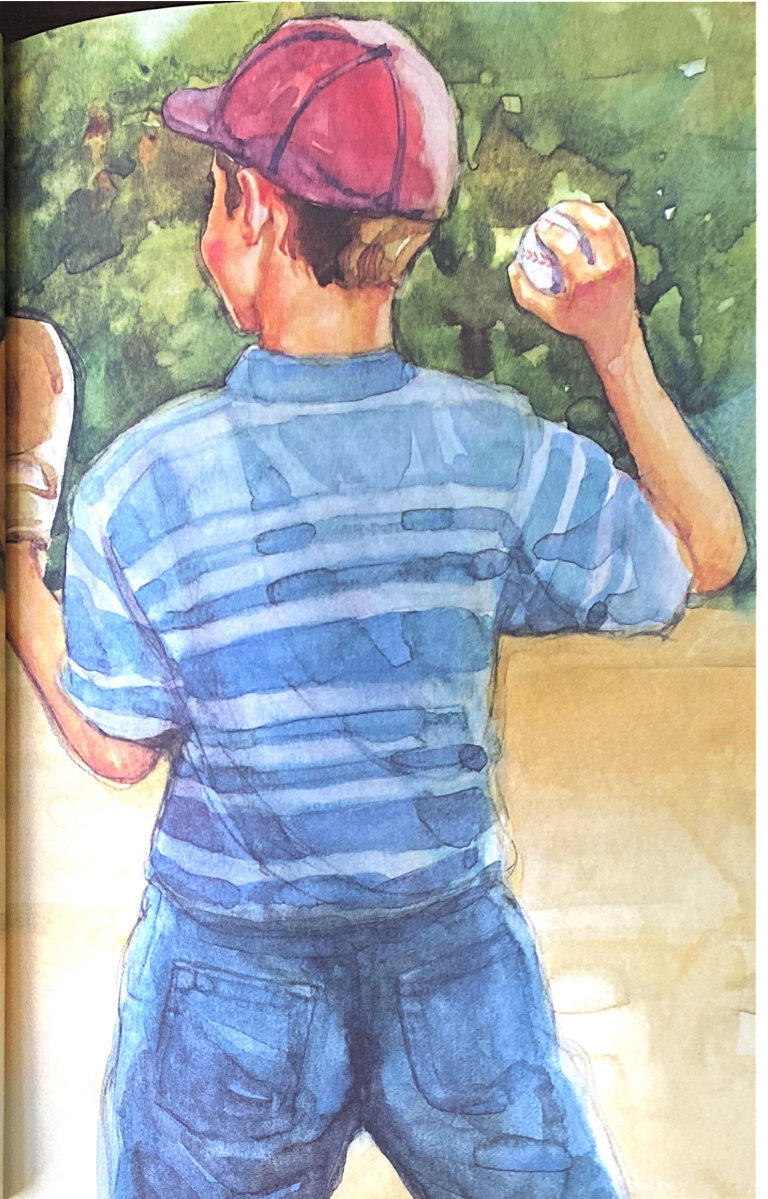
He saw signs that said "Whites Only" at the park and at the movies.

The signs meant that Martin and his family could not go to those places.
=Martin felt that black people should be able to go to the same places as white people.





When he was six, he had a friend
who was white.
They liked each other and played together.

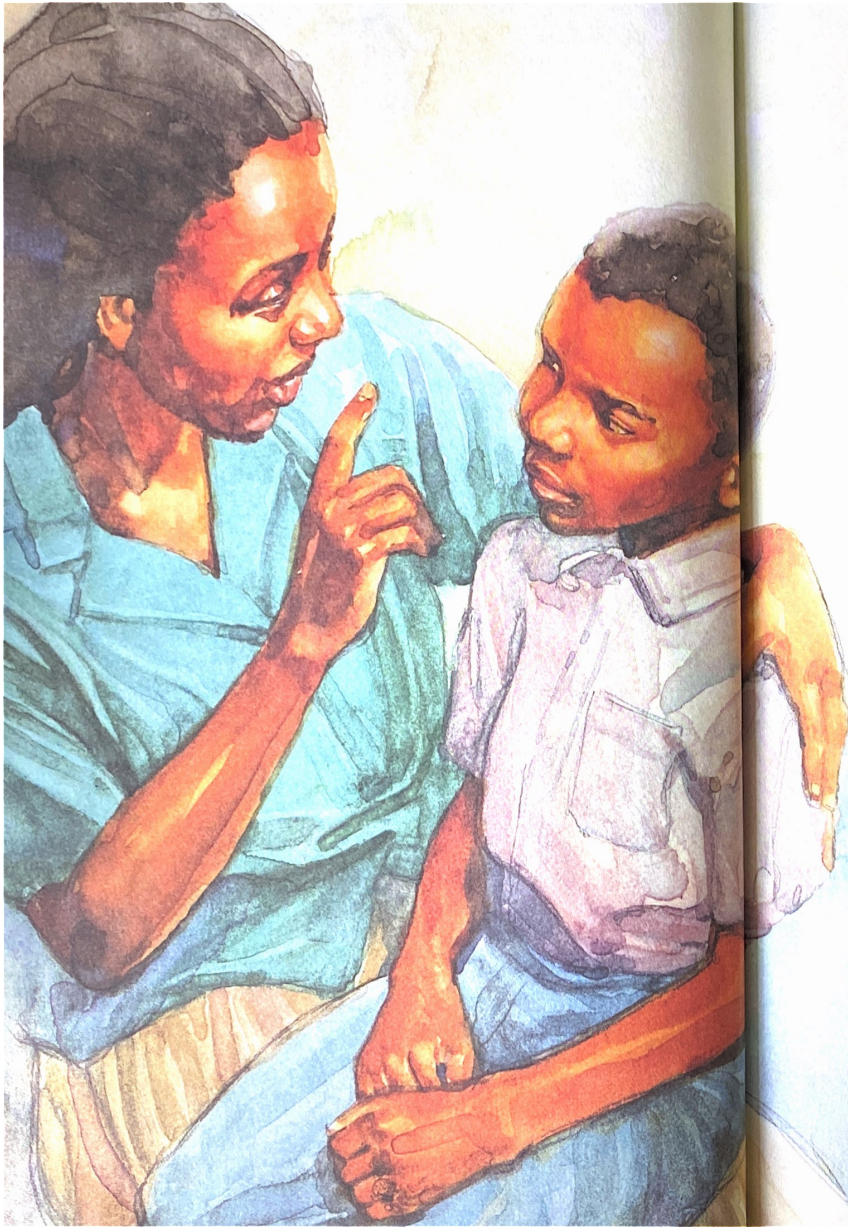




But soon, the boy's parents said they did not want their son to play with Martin any longer.

Martin felt very bad.

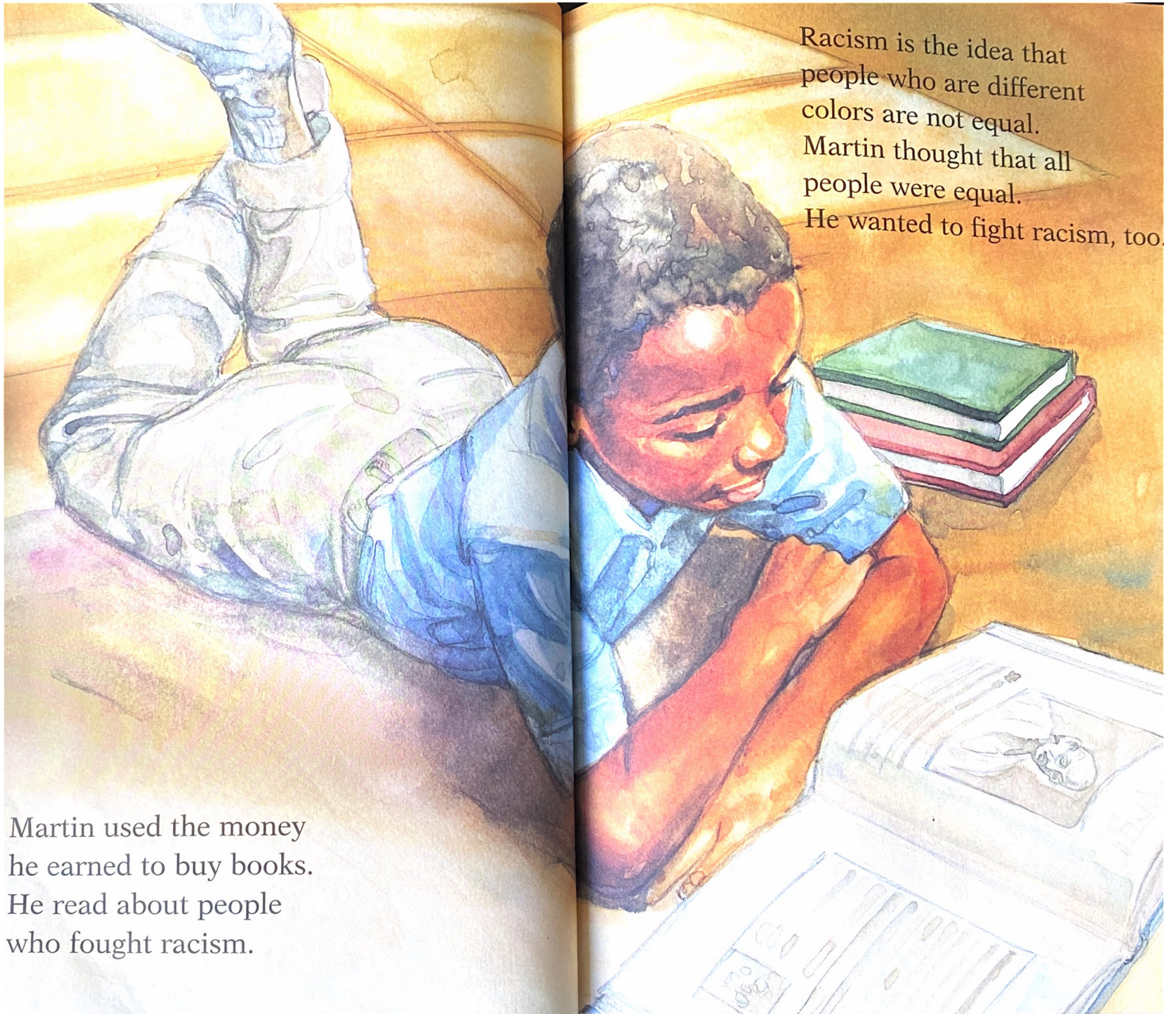
He was sad that he had to stop playing with his friend.



That day, Martin's mother told him, "You're as good as anyone else, and don't you forget it!" Martin felt better. / He knew that the boy's parents did not really know him. If they had, they would have seen how nice and smart Martin was!

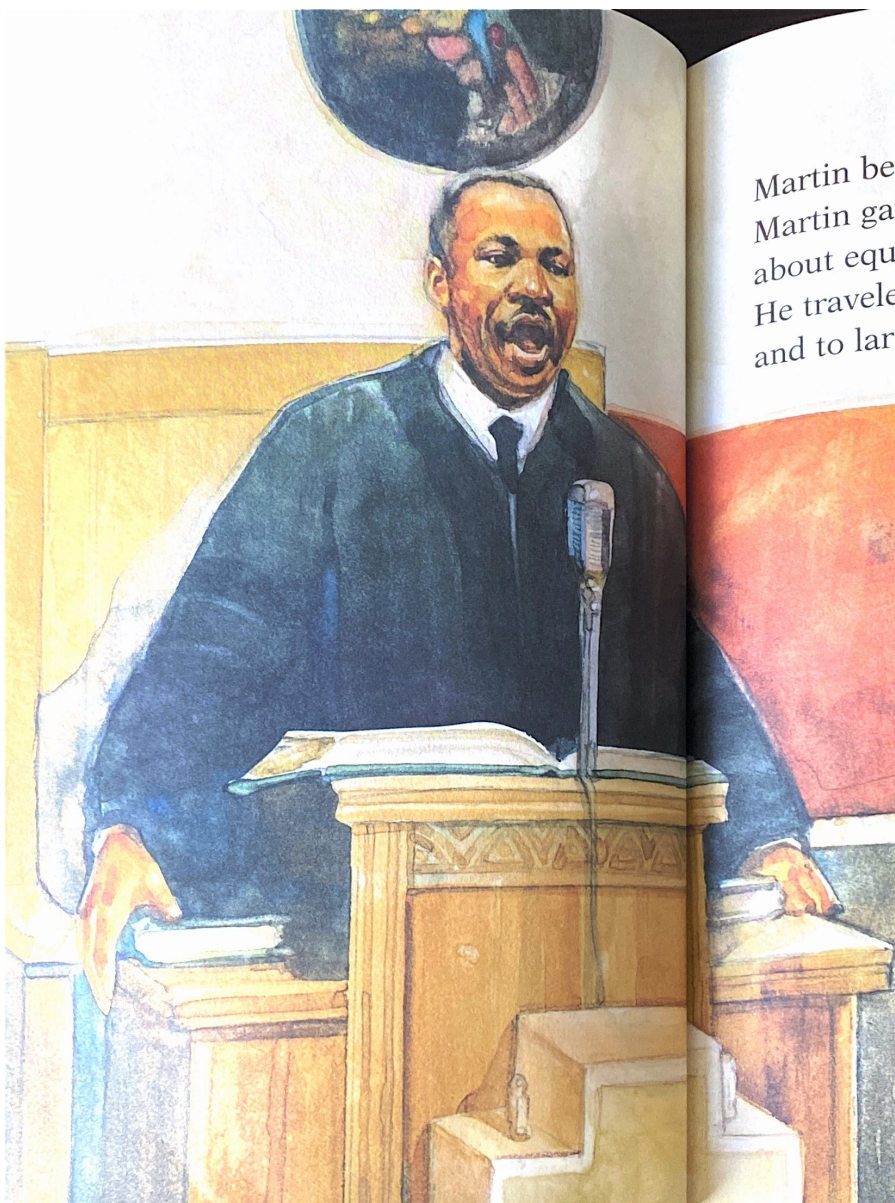
When he was eight,
Martin worked as
a newspaper boy.
He was very good
at his job.





Martin used the money
he earned to buy books.
He read about people
who fought racism.

Racism is the idea that
people who are different
colors are not equal.
Martin thought that all
people were equal.
He wanted to fight racism, too.

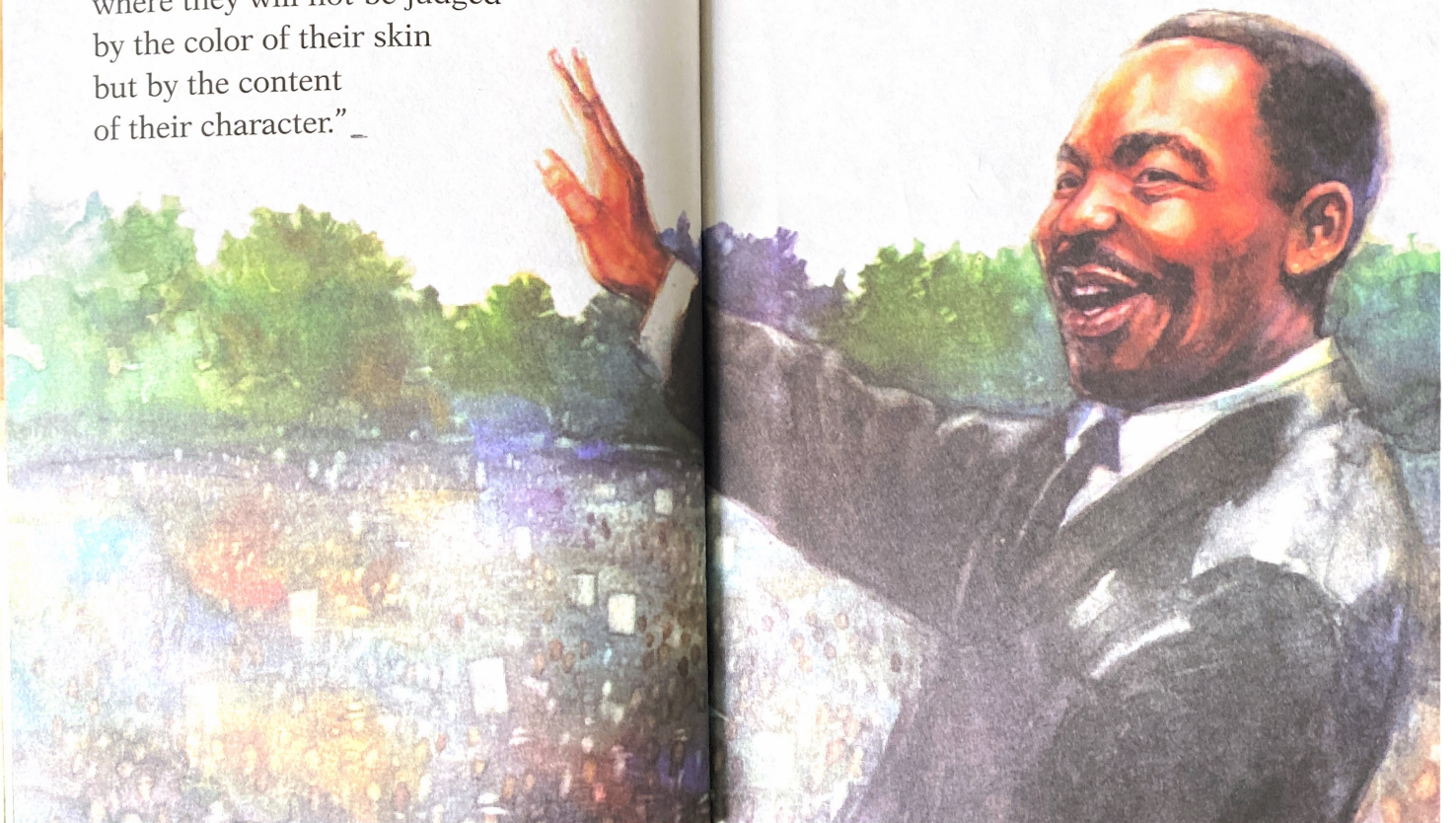


Martin became a minister like his father.
Martin gave speeches and talked
about equality.
He traveled to speak to church groups
and to large crowds.

He spoke to a crowd of 250,000 people
in Washington, D.C.

He spoke about his dream for the future.

"I have a dream," Martin said,
"that my four little children
will one day live in a nation
where they will not be judged
by the color of their skin
but by the content
of their character." _

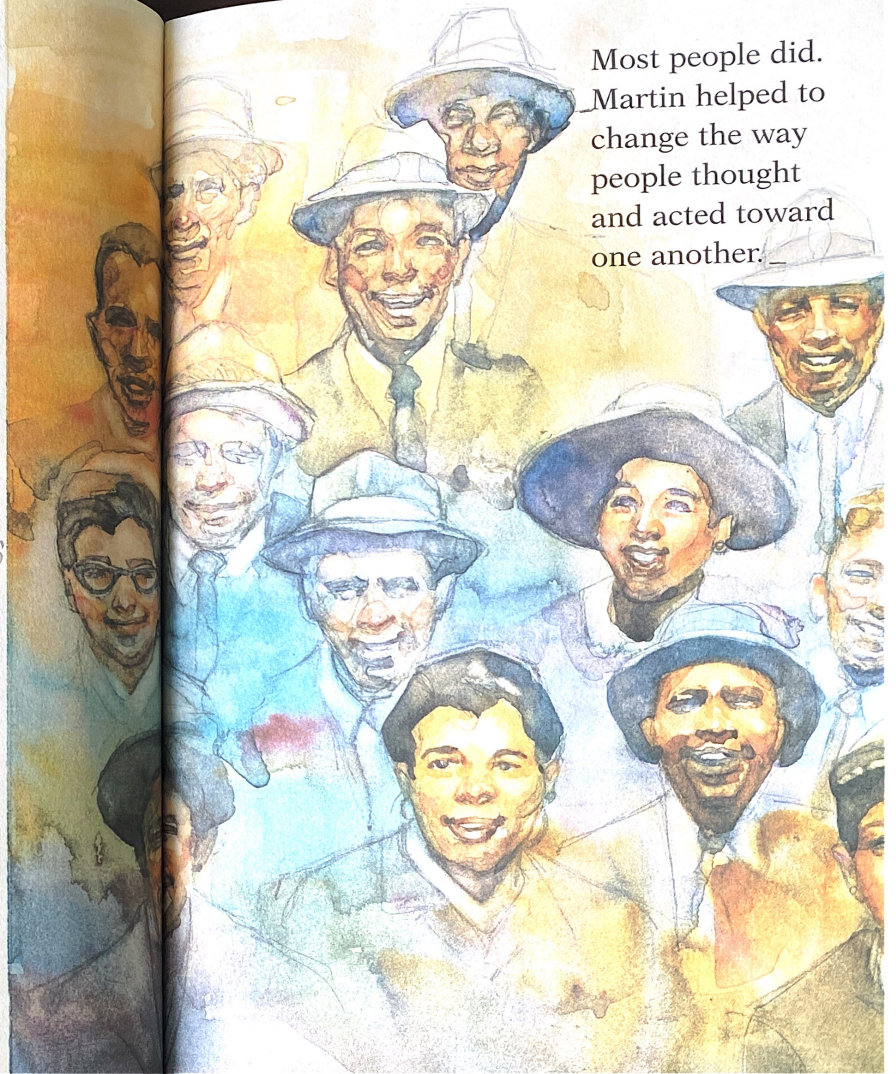


Some people did not
like what Martin
was saying.

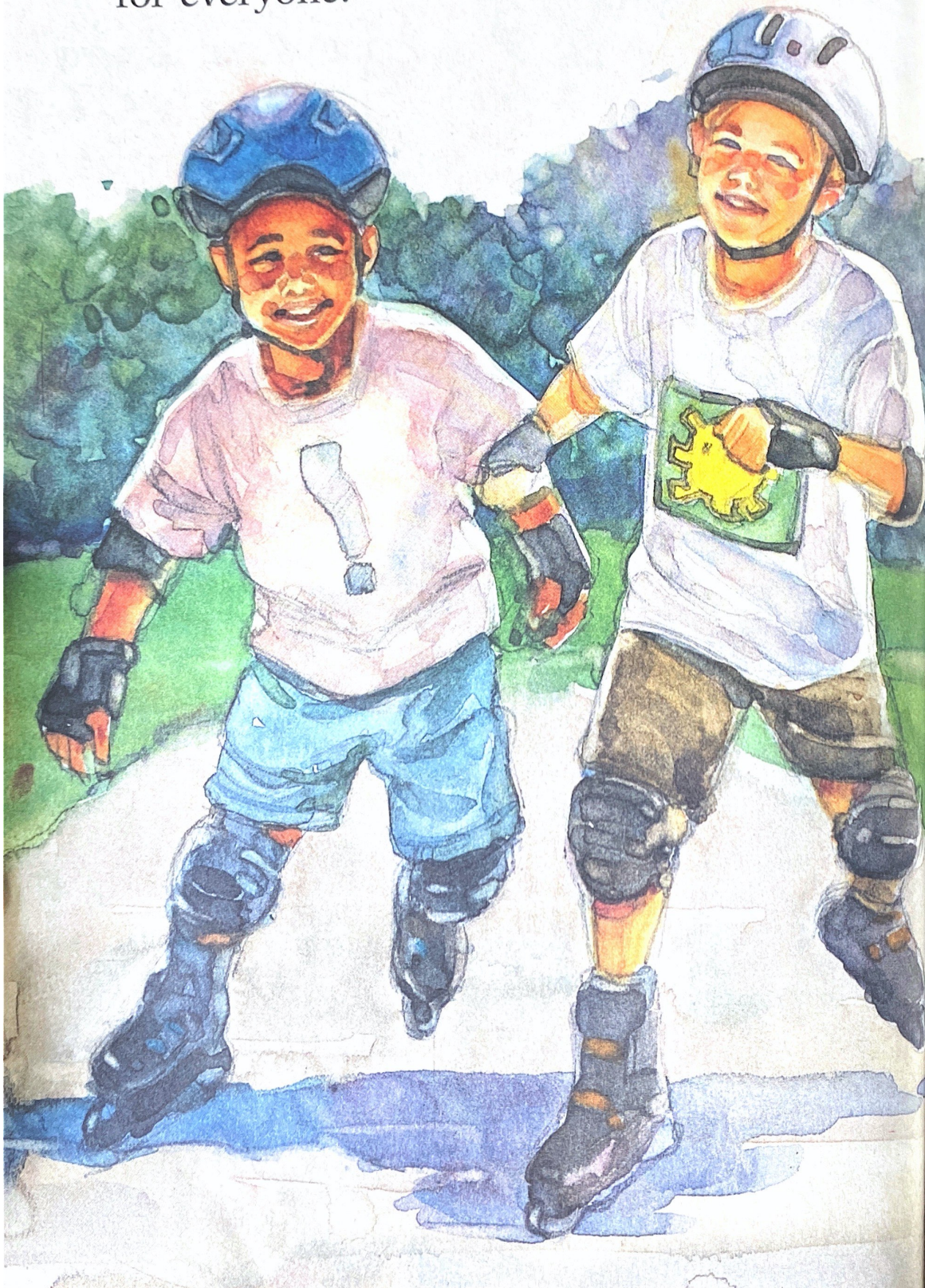


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Most people did.
Martin helped to
change the way
people thought
and acted toward
one another.



Today, many people remember his dream
and try to make the world a better place
for everyone.



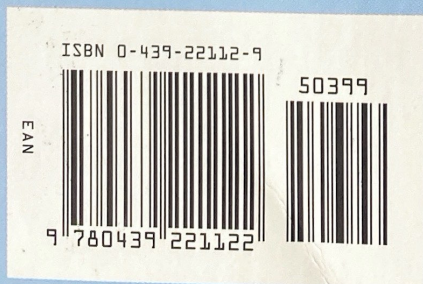
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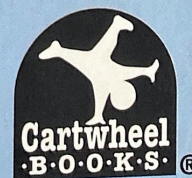


"I have a dream..."

Martin Luther King, Jr. grew up in the South and learned about racism. He became a leader and taught the world about equality. Follow his story and learn why we still celebrate the man and his dream today.



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