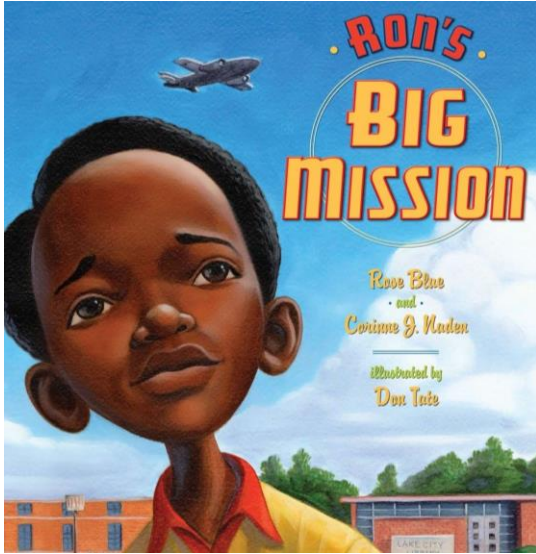


Discussion Guide for Families



Ron's Big Mission

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Themes: Environment and Sustainability

Book Brief: Nine-year-old Ron McNair, fascinated by airplanes and flight, courageously desegregated his local library in 1950s South Carolina to obtain his own library card. This inspiring story, based on the life of the future scientist and Challenger astronaut, highlights the power of peaceful resistance.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child “Why is it important to stand up for what you believe in, no matter how old you are?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why do you think Ron was so determined to get a library card that day, even though he knew it might be difficult?
- How do the illustrations help you understand Ron’s emotions and the situation he faced at the library?
- How did Ron’s determination as a young boy help him work toward becoming an astronaut later in life? What connections can you make to your own goals?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Think about Ron’s courage in asking for a library card. Can you think of a time when you had to be brave about something? How would you handle a similar situation today?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF’s [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.