

# After Reading about Marian Anderson

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I read a story by Pam Muñoz Ryan about Marian Anderson.

Marian Anderson was a famous singer, not only in the U.S.A., but also in some other countries.

The reasons for Marian Anderson's great achievement were her distinct voice, her hard practicing, her living conditions (her father, mother and sisters liked to sing), the direction from famous Giuseppe Boghetti, the support from the church communities and numerous audiences. The most important was that she sang with great emotion, which made the audiences hear not only words but feelings too: "spirited worship, tender affection, and nothing short of joy."

Marian Anderson was living in a prejudiced period. She suffered unfair treatment and endured humiliation, but she sang her heart with dignity.

Marian Anderson's story was great. Someone could write it in the way of rational analysis, but it would be very monotonous and uninteresting. But Pam Muñoz Ryan's literary description aroused our interest. When we read it, we knew Marian's story, just as if we were sitting in a boat, floating along the river and enjoying the scene on the bank.