

# Rosa Parks

Rosa Parks is an activist. She wants to help people who are treated unfairly because of the colour of their skin. Rosa feels unhappy when she sees things that she thinks are unfair. Brave Rosa refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person. She inspires other people to stop riding buses until the rules change and black and white people are treated equally.



Rosa Parks in 1955

## Author

Lisbeth Kaiser wrote this true story. She is an American author. Lisbeth lives with her husband and children in North America, in an area called Brooklyn. She wrote *Rosa Parks* to make people aware of how our world is very different today because of the actions of brave activists like Rosa.

## Setting

Rosa lives in North America. She grows up on a small farm near a city called Montgomery. Rosa moves into the city when she is old enough to work. She then moves to a different city called Detroit because Montgomery is no longer a safe place for her.

## Characters

### Rosa Parks

Rosa always tries to do what is right. She does not like to see other people being treated unfairly.

### Rosa's family

Rosa's family includes her mother, brother and grandparents. Rosa and her brother enjoy spending time with their grandparents. Rosa's grandparents tell stories to Rosa and her brother.

### Raymond

Raymond is Rosa's husband. He loves Rosa. Raymond and Rosa want everyone to be treated fairly.

### Rosa's friends

Rosa's friends spend time with Rosa and Raymond. They listen carefully to Rosa and help her make important choices.



Rosa rides on a bus in Montgomery after the laws changed.

## Glossary

**activist** A person who feels strongly about helping people, other living things or the planet and takes part in activities, such as protests to help make changes happen.

**inspire** To make someone feel they want to do something or cause them to feel strongly about helping to make something right.

**protest** An event where people come together to show that they are unhappy about something and carry out activities, such as marching with signs that have important messages on them.

**regular** Something that is not unusual but the same as other objects or people.

**rules** Instructions that guide what people are allowed to do, not allowed to do and how they should behave.

**slavery** People owning other people and forcing them to do tough work in unpleasant conditions.

