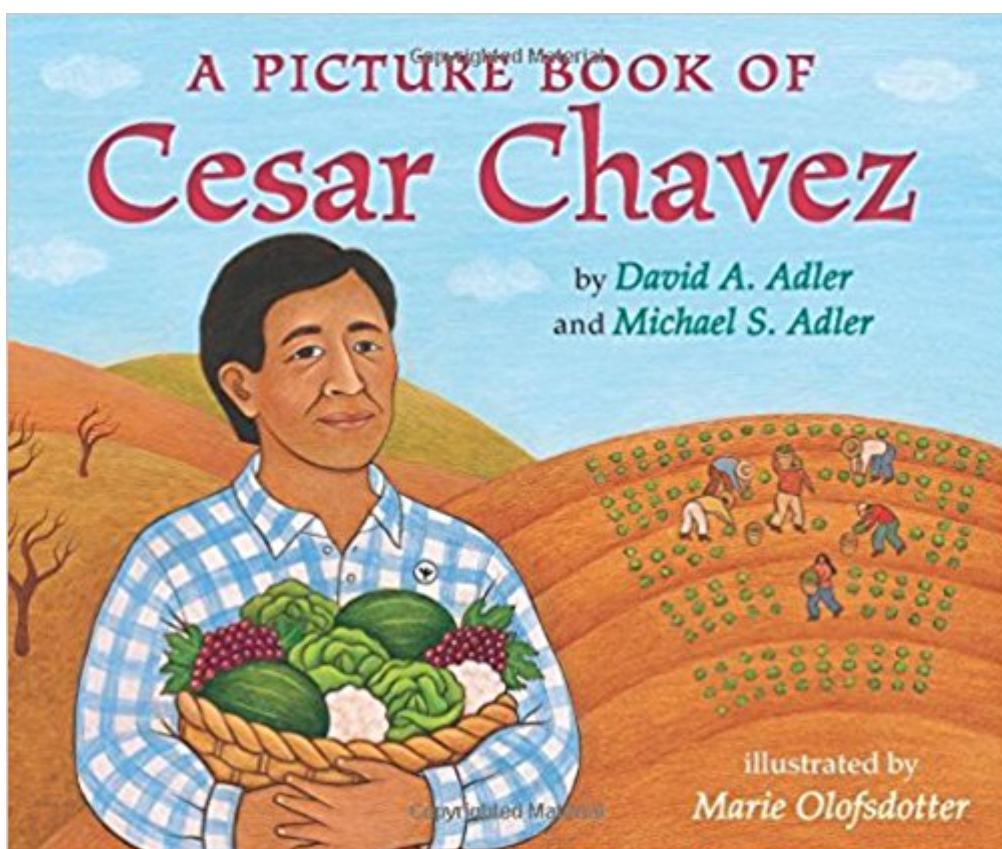


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# A Picture Book Of Cesar Chavez (Picture Book Biography)



## **Synopsis**

Cesar Chavez dedicated his life to helping American farmworkers. As a child growing up in California during the Great Depression, he picked produce with his family. Cesar saw firsthand how unfairly workers were treated. As an adult, he organized farmworkers into unions and argued for better pay and fair working conditions. He was jailed for his efforts, but he never stopped urging people to stand up for their rights. Young readers will be inspired by the fascinating life story of this champion of social justice.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Gr 2-4  
Adler and his son, Michael, have collaborated to produce another respectable addition to the biography series the senior Adler began years ago. Those owning Kathleen Krull's *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* (Harcourt, 2003), a standout biography of Chavez for this age group, will still want to consider this title because of its slightly different bent. While Krull emphasizes Chavez's younger years that inspired him to become an activist and focuses on the 1965 grape pickers boycott and the 300-mile march that resulted in the first farm workers' contract, the Adlers' book includes those events, but provides a more linear approach. It covers Chavez's life

from birth to death, providing important facts, such as the posthumous award of the Congressional Medal of Freedom, not mentioned in Krull's title. Olofsdotter's lively, earth-toned illustrations extend the text. Grace Oliff, Ann Blanche Smith School, Hillsdale, NJ © Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

The selfless struggles of labor leader Chavez are given a tempered and lucid treatment in this educational overview. It only takes one page for the Adlers to zero in on the theme of inequality: "Chavez and others who helped put food on Americans' tables often had no tables of their own, no real homes." After losing their farm in the Great Depression, the Chavez family headed west, living an itinerant lifestyle as they moved from farm to farm and shuttling young Cesar among 65 different elementary schools. The book focuses mainly on Chavez's later fights for better wages and safer working conditions. Three of his hunger strikes are described, though Olofsdotter keeps her illustrations gentle and ennobling. The characters are drawn in an intentionally stiff style that fits with the depth-challenged folk art backgrounds, most of which are dominated by the color of sand. The text, meanwhile, is peppered with quotes from Chavez, all of which are backed up with source notes. An elegant introduction to a man who inspired thousands. Grades 1-4. --Daniel Kraus --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

This book is well written and gave a lot of details about Cesar Chavez's life. I purchased it for use in my 2nd grade classroom. This text would probably appeal more to an intermediate level class. It was not engaging enough for my students. I gave it 5 stars because it is a good book with wonderful illustrations.

Great book for children. Tells Cesars story with good detail and understandable. I bought this for my 5 year old nephew, but I liked it so much that I will be buying a copy for myself.

Great summary for very young readers. important addition to home and school library.

Good quality book and very accurate on the facts. My daughter loved it.

A good book chronicling the activist's life. Appropriate for ESL classes.

Beautiful pictures. I use it to go along with one of my favorite books, Esperanza Rising. Both books help teach children about the history of our country.

Great series.

Would have liked it better and think that it would hold up to the wear and tear by children (to whom it is geared) if it had a hard cover.

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