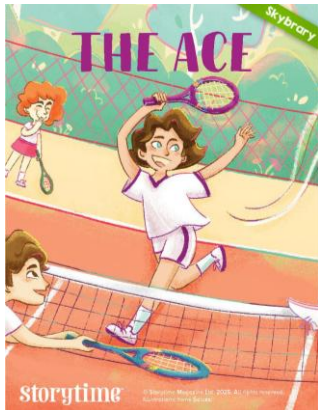




The Ace

Author: Storytime

Illustrator: Irene Saluzzi

Themes: Determination, Equality, Breaking Barriers

Book Brief: The true tale of a little boy from Africa who grew up to become an inspiring leader!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever loved playing a sport or game so much that you wanted to get better at it? What was it?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about a real tennis player named Billie Jean King who loved tennis and worked hard to become a champion.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What does Billie Jean love to do? How does she feel about tennis?
- How does Billie Jean practice and improve? What challenges does she face?
- Describe what Billie Jean accomplishes. What makes her a champion?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "How did Billie Jean's determination and love of tennis help her become a champion? What does her story teach us about working toward our goals?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Start a "Practice Challenge." Have your child choose a skill they want to improve (like bouncing a ball, drawing, or reading) and practice it a little bit each day for a week. Keep track of their progress and celebrate their improvement, just like Billie Jean practiced to become great at tennis.
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