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## CHEN Lap Hang

Tsang Pik Shan (Sung Lan) Secondary School

Topic A Role Model: Kobe Bryant

The legendary Superstar Kobe Bryant of the American Los Angeles Lakers has a nickname Black Mamba which is the most poisonous snake on the African grassland, and Kobe Bryant's spirit is also known as the Mamba spirit. "Never give up" is Bryant's own definition of this spirit. Mamba spirit means never retreat, never give up, never escape to endure humiliation and create miracles in difficulties.

Kobe Bryant can't live without basketball. He recalled that when he was a kid having his first real basketball, he knew how it felt in his hand and fell in love with it at first sight. He preferred not to shoot it or use it because he did not want to destroy "the pebbled leather particles and those perfect grooves." He did not want to ruin that wonderful feeling. He also likes the sound, the kind of "bang bang bang" that bounces off the hardwood floors. To him, that is the sound of life, the sound of delight. This is part of the reason why he loves basketball and the game. Kobe Bryant definitely has great impact on me as this is why I love basketball, too. His interest in basketball in fact originated from childhood. It was the first time he heard the "bang bang bang" that fascinated him. Kobe Bryant has asked countless questions. He said, "I am very curious and eager to improve." His passion for learning, practising and improvement is what teenagers need nowadays.

"When I walked into the arena, I obviously felt that it was filled with a kind of good energy, a little injured, which of course was not what I wanted. I hope this is a night of celebration, full of vitality everywhere...When I dressed neatly and stepped into the court, I could feel my legs no longer belong to me. At that moment, I knew it well: this will either be one of the greatest performances ever, or it will be the most sugary one. I was a little bit at the thought of laughing at myself, and couldn't help but laugh, because I had long been used to dragging heavy double changes to the game, so I had no other thoughts and went into the game." Kobe Bryant's determination and passion for basketball are undoubtedly admirable.

Kobe Bryant said, "You need to know that nothing is always there so you have to face failure bravely first and cherish every victory." His attitude towards each game and competition is inspiring and positive. He inspires me to be brave in times of hardship and failure. Moreover, I learn that the biggest difference between ordinary and outstanding players is that they have the ability to make self-assessment, judge their own weaknesses, and turn their lack into advantages. Self-reflection is very important as one can make improvements when he or she knows his or her own weaknesses. In fact, Kobe Bryant always studies his teammates and opponents. He wants to learn how they use their bodies in the competition, their movements, their techniques, whether they were unyielding in character, and marked their weaknesses. All these tell me that good observation is essential in competitions and daily challenges.

Apart from his brilliant performance in basketball, Kobe Bryant's righteousness is admirable, too. He has never cheated the game and played hard with injury. The story of Kobe Bryant has inspired me to be a responsible, brave, self-reflective and righteous person. He is obviously a good role model to me.

### Book Read

Book title : The Mamba Mentality : How I Play  
Author : Kobe Bryant ; foreword by Pau Gasol ;  
introduction by Phil Jackson ; photographs and  
afterword by Andrew D Bernstein  
Publisher : New York: MCD, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2018.

### Comments

- Good Kobe Bryant's quotes from the book to support your point of view.

## HUI Sum Yu Tiffany

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Lui Yun Choy Memorial College

Topic "Do You Read Me?" Steve Jobs' Call

### Summary:

This book documents how Steve Jobs had started Apple Inc. with his business partner Steve Wozniak and become one of the most influential leaders in the technology industry before 2011, the year he passed away. Like many business magnates, Jobs had had his downfall before he succeeded. He was expelled from the company because of the power struggle with John Sculley, one of the board members in Apple Inc. and the Chief Executive Officer that moment. However, he did not give up in times of difficulty, and there were seven principles that pushed him towards his goal. Among these very inspiring principles, two of them are still closely related to people's daily lives. One of his maxims was "Do what you love", which meant people should pursue something they love for their career. Another one was "Put a dent in the universe", which meant people should approach their vision in a different way, and those who share the same interest should stay together to contribute to society. Although Jobs lost his place in Apple in 1985, he still put on a brave face to establish NeXT, which was a company specialising in developing computer platforms for universities and business market. After a while, he invested in visual effects industry and helped establish Pixar, an animation studio. Later, Apple acquired NeXT, and Jobs became the company's Chief Executive Officer. This gave him a good position to save the company before it went bankrupt.

### What I have learnt:

This book has inspired me because it teaches me to be an empathetic person. Last year, when I was still a Primary Six student, my mother started taking me to visit the public library near my home, believing that this could improve my study skills and nurture my love for books. I remember she introduced "Macbeth", which is a play written by William Shakespeare, to me because she knew I like stories and plays. Although it was an abridged version, I can still recall the following few lines:

LADY MACDUFF: Sirrah, your father's dead.  
And what will you do now? How will you live?  
SON: As birds do, mother.  
LADY MACDUFF: What, with worms and flies?  
SON: With what I get, I mean, and so do they.  
(Macbeth 4.2 31-35)

In this scene, Macduff's wife, whose husband is not in the castle they live in, asks her son what he will do to survive without his father. Her son answers that he will continue to live with what he gets "as birds do". I was impressed by these lines because they reminded me how tough life is, and I had to seize every minute and opportunity to study. Believing that my family members had the responsibility to offer me a comfortable environment to study at home, I did not pull my weight to help with household chores, and this made my relationship with my family deteriorate. After reading this book about Steve Jobs, however, I know that I should help my family. Although one of my favourite quotes in this book, "Some people are not used to an environment where excellence is expected", coincidentally matches the above lines from "Macbeth" and reminds me that I should work hard at school, Jobs also teaches me that I should work with other people to make contribution as one of his principles is "Put a dent in the universe". Not only do I still study very hard now but also I do housework together with my parents.

From 1962 until now, many great people's lives have been well documented, and many uplifting written works have been published. By taking me to visit the public library whenever we have time, my mother imparts the scent of books to my life, for she knows I will benefit from these books in the coming 60 years and beyond.

### Book Read

Book title : The Innovation Secrets of Steve Jobs: Insanely Different  
Principles for Breakthrough Success  
Author : Carmine Gallo  
Publisher : New York: McGraw-Hill, 2010.

### Comments

- Manage to reflect from the books you have read.

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### LAU Pui Sing Patrick

St. Bonaventure College and High School

**Topic** A Legendary Basketball Player:  
Kobe Bryant

I am sure you must have heard of a renowned US basketball player, Kobe Bryant. The first time I heard about him was from watching his competition videos on YouTube. I like playing basketball so I watched his videos from time to time in order to acquire his professional skills and techniques. Tragically, he died in a helicopter accident in 2020. I am hereby sharing the legendary story of Kobe Bryant that published in his autobiography "The Mamba Mentality: How I Play".

Kobe Bryant was born in 1978 and he started playing basketball in NBA in 1996. His first team was Lakers which he spent his entire basketball career in this team for 20 years. He creates many new records in NBA. For example, he scored the second highest point in his career 81 points in a single game. This is the scored in the NBA history. He also got four NBA All-Star Game MVP Awards. Apart from the records, he also donated money to a lot of charities. Therefore, his achievements made him become famous quickly.

After his retirement in 2015, he wrote an autobiographical book "The Mamba Mentality: How I Play" to share his professional knowledge and experiences in playing basketball to guide his readers through a journey of "Mamba mentality". He teaches players, fans and students to play basketball in the right way. One key part of the book is about how he trains himself, researches opponents and plays through injuries. Also, he puts a lot of photos which capture his glory of achievement in the basketball matches. His story also teaches people not to give up easily. It is because he spent a lot of time and effort in his career to achieve great success. Finally, he became a legend in NBA.

I like Kobe Bryant because he is hard-working. He plays basketball very well but he still trains very hard. He starts training basketball at 4 a.m. every day and rarely takes a rest. The daily practices allow him to make improvements continually. This shows that he is humble and always strives to become the best basketball players in NBA. Nowadays, many people still watch his videos and learn from his basketball skills as he is a role model for all basketball players.

In addition, he is generous and sympathetic. He donated a lot of money to the charities and always volunteered to teach people to play basketball. Some impoverished children in the South Africa and India could not afford attending the school and thus by no chance did they learn playing basketball from the experienced coaches. He was so kind to offer free basketball training to the poor children in need and provide the inevitable sports equipment to them. His job was super busy and had a tight schedule as always. Yet, he offered and invested his valuable time in providing charitable basketball training. I really appreciate his selflessness and generosity. If I have the same ability, I will also help those people in need.

The most impressive section of the book is the basketball game reflection. He shares with us on many suggestions and skills on how to play basketball better. These suggestions make me understand what the right way to practice is. Apart from his story, the pictures are stunning and attractive. Therefore, I treasure this book so much and I will keep this precious book for a lifetime.

The saddest part of his life was the helicopter accident. I believe he will continue to help a lot of people and have more amazing moments in the basketball court if he is still alive. It may not be as a basketball player, but could be as a coach. With his skills and generous personality, he can always shine. Fortunately, he leaves this great book which records his life and messages to people who love him. The legend of Kobe Bryant will always be remembered.

If I could meet Kobe Bryant, I would ask him to teach me to play basketball and take a photo with him, it will be my honour to have this chance with this legendary person. I hope he is having good time on the other side of the world now.

#### Book Read

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#### Comments

- Encouraging and presented a good role model to the audience.
- "If I have the same ability, I will also help those people." What Kobe Bryant's inspired you does impress me.

### LUI Wun Yin

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**Topic** Stephen Hawking : The Theory of  
Everything is Possible

Upon hearing the name Stephen Hawking, I am sure many people will associate it to the much celebrated "genius in wheelchair". From his exceptional work and appearances in popular TV shows, Hawking was an undeniably a fascinating character to study, and this was why I began the biography of this intellectual genius.

Stephen William Hawking was a renowned English mathematician, theoretical physicist, cosmologist and author. Born in 1942 in Oxford, England and nicknamed "Einstein" by his classmates, Hawking was identified to be a kid with remarkable talents. Born into a family of physicians, his parents had high expectations on him and wanted him to become a doctor. However, Hawking followed his passion and studied physics in University College, Oxford, and later obtained his PhD degree in applied mathematics and theoretical physics in Cambridge, specializing in general relativity and cosmology. Unfortunately, it was around that time he was diagnosed with an early-onset chronic motor neuron disease (ALS - amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) that paralyzed him over the decades. He was told he only had a few years to live. Yet, that didn't deter him from working and studying. After he lost his voice, he communicated with others using a speech-generating device which was controlled by using a single cheek muscle.

Throughout his life, Hawking has offered major breakthroughs in theoretical physics and cosmology. He worked on gravitational singularity theorems, and the put forward the theoretical prediction that black holes emit radiation. Such discoveries were controversial at first but were later backed by further research and widely accepted as major breakthroughs in theoretical physics. Hawking also came up with a theory of cosmology explained by a union of the general theory of relativity and quantum mechanics. His discoveries brought tremendous impact to the way we understand the universe. Despite his ailing health and fatality illness, he kept on attending seminars, giving lectures and speeches for decades, and became a role model to the patients who suffered from the same disease.

In recognition of his contributions to the world, Stephen Hawking was offered numerous awards. He was the recipient of the Wolf Foundation prize, Copley Medal, Fundamental Physics prize. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society and a member of the US National Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

After reading his biography, I come to realize why Hawking is one of the most respected scientists of our time. Apart from his ground-breaking theories that revolutionized the way we view the universe, this man deserves our honor because he taught us inspirational life lessons.

A valuable lesson I gained is on making the most of our time. It is easy for us to confide in the prospect of a definite tomorrow, and it is almost human nature to procrastinate in face of hardships. However, when Hawking was diagnosed with ALS at 21, he did not show a stoic resignation towards his fate and quit Harvard altogether. With optimism, he embraced life and all the uncertainties that came with it. He remained committed to things he wanted to do with his life and worked tirelessly to change the world.

Hawking also proved that when there is a will, there are indeed ways to make everything possible. Even when life got to a point where he could not physically speak or even move most of his muscles, he never stopped believing and allowed himself to be disabled in spirit. In an ailing state, Hawking did not withdraw from his research and work. Living with ALS has even inspired him to develop a computer system that enabled him to communicate his thoughts with a computerized voice. He rarely talked about his disease but his deep understanding of physics, space and science. This teaches me not to dwell on the negatives and set limits of what I can do but to work on the strengths. If Hawking can stay so strong while battling with ALS, what excuses do we still have for not making the most out of our time?

I strongly recommend the book to people of all ages. May we all find inspirations and great strength from this remarkable scientist to make our world a better place for all.

#### Book Read

Book title : Stephen Hawking : Biography of Inspiration  
Author : Léonard Greene  
Publisher : Canada : Rakuten Kobo, 2012.

#### Comments

- The content is enlightening without being lengthy. The opinion was supported with substantial evidence and arguments taken from the book.
- Viewpoints on the impact of Stephen Hawking are impressive.

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## NG Lai Lam

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Topic The Struggles of Stephen Hawking

"My Brief History" is a biography of Stephen Hawking, who was born on January 8, 1942 in Oxford. Stephen Hawking is a role model and an inspiration to people these days. If you ask somebody who their role model is in the science field, there's a chance that Stephen Hawking would be one of their answers! Many people know Stephen Hawking as one of the most brilliant theoretical physicists in history and his battle against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. The story of Stephen Hawking has inspired many scientists to pursue their dreams.

In his early adulthood, he was diagnosed with motor neuron disease. Doctors predicted that he would not live long. At first, he became depressed seeing his condition worsened rapidly. He thought there was not any point to work on his PhD because he didn't know if he would live long enough to finish it. But then his condition developed more slowly that he began to make process work. During that time, Stephen Hawking knew his days were numbered, he was saddened by his incurable illness. However, that did not stop him. Even though his future was still an unknown to him, he continued his path to finish his PhD. Knowing he might die before he could reach it, he still continued his dreams. I learn that even if all hopes seem lost and life is going downhill, you should still give it your best shot and don't give up.

He has been a pioneer in assisting the disabled through several organizations. He helped raise funds for the poor and the deprived. He has helped raise awareness of global warming, provision of clean water and diseases, etc. His speeches have inspired and motivated lots of people, even changed some people's lives. His story has helped lots of the handicapped go through hardships. He has never allowed his disability to stop him from doing most things. After all, his motto was "There are no boundaries." He overcame the odds when his doctors told him he would not live long, yet he still defeated the odds.

He decided to write a popular book about his views and theories on the universe.

### Comments

- Essential qualities for success in Stephen Hawking's life are reflected in the book.

However, he became critically ill with pneumonia while doing so. In an attempt to save his life, Stephen Hawking had to sacrifice his voice in exchange to continue living. Yet, despite losing his voice, he still continued working on the book and put a lot of effort into it. His books have left an impact even after his death. Some of his theories are true while some are still unconfirmed, leaving scientists confused about his theories. From this, we can see that despite losing his voice, he did not stop working on his book. He still continued and put more effort into it! Perhaps it was because of his ALS, which taught him to cherish his time. His book would inspire lots of people to pursue the path of being scientists or being more curious of the ideal of space. One of the many things he said in his speech was to be curious; his book did make lots of people be more curious about space.

From his story, even having a rough childhood that some of us can relate to, such as being in a not financially stable family and sometimes not getting along with some of our siblings, he was talented and curious about lots of things at a young age. His story inspires a lot of individuals even if he was paralyzed from the disease that should have killed him long ago, and that made his life more difficult. Despite the loss of his voice and the ability to walk, he never gave up. He pursued his dream, not only that he left this world changing our views on the universe and making fascinating discoveries, but also taught us to be brave and not to give up no matter how difficult life is Stephen Hawking has always pursued his dream no matter what others said or thought of him. It was already very difficult to balance study and social life, but he also had to cope with having an incurable disease. From his life journey, I learn that even if life seems difficult, we should always try our best at work. To be brave in trying new things in life, some chances are a once in a lifetime experience after all.

Stephen Hawking's story is very touching and inspiring. I highly recommend you to read this book.

### Book Read

Book title : My Brief History  
Author : Stephen Hawking  
Publisher : New York: Bantam Books, 2013.

## TAM Kai Tsun

Kwun Tong Maryknoll College

Topic Face All the Difficulties With a Smile

"Born a Crime" is a book written by Trevor Noah who was born in South African on 20 February in 1984. Now he has become a successful South African comedian, television host and a political commentator. In this book, he tells us about his miserable childhood with a humorous tone and he also brings us a thought-provoking message that he has learned from his mother — facing all the difficulties with a smile.

Trevor Noah was born in South Africa where the apartheid system prevailed when interracial marriage was explicitly prohibited. But his mother is a black and his father is a white. Therefore, he is neither completely black nor completely white, and he is discriminated against locally. He was not recognized, and he couldn't find a sense of belonging. This made Trevor a mixed-race child. He always thought that he was born like a criminal.

He and his mother lived in a very poor environment. Their furniture was very tattered, old sofa was broken, even the sofa cover was worn out. Worse, the TV was a small black and white TV with an antenna on it. They had to use pliers to switch channels. His mother always said that her job was to feed his body, spirit and mind. She saved money to buy food and books, but didn't spend a dime on anything else. They always wore second-hand clothes. Once Trevor asked his mother for a pair of "Adidas" sneakers, and his mother came back with a pair of "Abidas". So he told his mother that those pairs were fake but his mother told him that she didn't see any difference because there were four lines of trademark instead of three. Although their life was tough, Trevor's mother taught him to be optimistic and thankful. I think Trevor's mother's humor and positive mind set rubbed off on Trevor.

Moreover, Trevor's mother not only taught him how to stay optimistic in a hard life but also taught him how to break racial barriers. His mother used her actions to show Trevor how she used language to bridge gaps,

deal with crises, and break through the world. There was one time they were in a shop. The shopkeeper said to his security guard in Afrikaans in front of them to watch over Trevor and his mother. They thought they would steal things. His mother turned her head and said in standard fluent Afrikaans, "Why don't you follow these black people to help them find what they want to buy things?". He apologized in South African. Through this, Trevor discovered that language was more powerful than skin color when it came to connecting with others. He said, "My skin color will not change, but I can change your perception of my skin color. I may not look like you, but if I speak like you, I and you are the same type of person."

Actually Trevor didn't know what these "races" had, and he didn't know what a "race" was when he was little. He only knew that people had different types of chocolate, but there, white and black, he followed only a few types of chocolate. His dad was white chocolate, his mother was dark chocolate and himself was milk chocolate, but they were all chocolates.

Nevertheless, does our skin mean who we are and what a man you should be? Why don't we change our mindset to think things more simply - facing all the difficulties with a smile? Isn't it happier? After reading Trevor's story, I have learned that when we face difficulties, we mustn't feel sorry for ourselves. We should overcome them with what is inside us. In addition, we should never shed tears over the past. Life is full of pain but let these pains exercise you, but don't cling to it.

### Book Read

Book title : Born a Crime : Stories from a South African Childhood  
Author : Trevor Noah  
Publisher : New York: Spiegel & Grau, 2016.

### Comments

- Shared the genuine feeling of how being optimistic can help us live a better life.
- Details about the life of Trevor Noah are intriguing and that makes the reader keep reading.

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### TSE Wing Yin Erris

St. Bonaventure College and High School

**Topic** A Didactic Masterpiece that Enlightens Me On the Importance of Perseverance

I believe that life is full of imperfections, flaws and misery — for instance, a serious malady and the death of our beloved family members or relatives. These incidents might have a huge influence that impacts our entire life and growth development, but we will become stronger by overcoming the struggles with great perseverance. One autobiographical book that inspired me with the idea of perseverance is called "Life Without Limits" which was written by a renowned American - Australian writer and public speaker — Nick Vujicic. His book depicts a positive attitude in the affirmation of life despite his disability — born with no arms and legs — while surmounting the obstacles such as discrimination and depression with strong Christian faith and hope. Therefore, the readers might find reassurance and encouragement to pursue our future pathway with greater confidence and determination.

Despite his physical disability, he lives a fulfilling life by affirming the notion of positive thinking. The fact that his chronic illness — Tetra - Amelia Syndrome which leads to his inborn disability without limbs — is incurable and perpetuates throughout his entire life. Thus, his childhood and adolescence were trapped by several suicidal thoughts in order to end the agony of the illness as soon as possible. In turn, as illustrated in Chapter 2 of his autobiography, family love became his strong will and hope in survival against the spiral of darkness. In Chapter 5, he also highlights another driving force to triumph over all the negativity — his life motto as well as the official name of his company — Attitude Is Altitude. Indeed, it is very easy to give up a life in overwhelming despair; however, a good way to conquer the perpetuating misery is changing the attitude which is as easy as changing the batteries in the television remote control — a smile mentioned by Nick. His empowerment of positivity is similar to an idiom that I always have in mind — "A coin has two sides", which reminds me to see things in a wider perspective instead of indulging in a one-sided story only. In short, he seeks to employ the notion of positivity against a life of agony.

On the other hand, the subtitle of his autobiography — "Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life" — implies his sense of humor in the affirmation of life. He mocks his one and only little left foot as his "little chicken drumstick" in his talks to children and adults. This humorous joke marks his recognition of self-worth which he values spreading the joy and humor to the others that are brought by his little "drumstick". Possessing a "drumstick" could evoke the feeling of self-loathing for most people. To challenge the limits imposed by the public, he did a lot of things which were potentially dangerous to prove his endless possibilities. For instance, he went scuba diving, used to be a stuntman in a movie and caught a fish by risking burning his bum. These risky challenges hint at Nick's reluctance to succumb to the "boring" life, according to the assumption of people with disabilities, such as the quiet activities — reading, writing and painting. He wanted to have fun and enjoy the vibrance of life as much as the non-disabled person did. Yet, I appreciate his "ridiculous" jokes which shape his unique way of encouragement to himself and to the others as one of the purposes of life.

All in all, I highly recommend Nick Vujicic's uplifting autobiography "Life Without Limits" to all of you, whether you are struggling with the lack of motivation and passion of life or you are feeling the excitement of life, you will find the positive vibes through reading his warm and encouraging words. The directness of his writing makes you feel like you are reading a friend's diary. I hope you will also find comfort and hope to remind you keep trying again and again instead of giving up easily. Every cloud has a silver lining but always remember you are not alone.

#### Book Read

Book title : Life Without Limits : Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life  
Author : Nick Vujicic  
Publisher : New York: Doubleday Religion, 2010.

#### Comments

- The power of determination and perseverance helps us come out of darkness in life.
- Good summarize. Clearly explain the impression of the great person leaves behind. The evaluation and conclusion is enlightening.

### ZENG Nga Wun Cece

The Jockey Club Man Kwan EduYoung College

**Topic** The Alex Scott Story: Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand

Maybe you haven't heard of Alex Scott, but if you haven't, you should as she was just four when she decided that she could make difference. For this reason, every person should read her biography — Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand.

Personally, I discovered this book because I decided to take part in this competition. I wanted to find an inspirational young person, and although I found a few who were also worthy, I decided to read Alex's story because I was shocked to find out anyone at age 4 even knew about raising money to help others. I was surprised by her awareness and perseverance as she never gave up until her body did.

Unluckily, just before Alex's first birthday she was diagnosed with form of brain cancer and she had to have surgery to remove the tumour from her brain and then chemotherapy and radiation. She was in a lot of pain, and yet she remained optimistic and tried her best to face all the difficulties she had to face. The doctors did not think Alex would be able to walk after her surgery but just two later Alex started moving her legs and gradually, she learned how to walk like other children.

As this book shows, Alex spent a lot of time in hospitals with other sick kids. She felt very sorry for them, and she wanted to do something help find the right medical cure to help these kids. This is the reason why Alex, at age four, decided to make a lemonade stand. It was to raise money for sick kids like herself.

Alex's brothers helped her with her first lemonade stand. It was a big success people lined up to buy Alex's lemonade. When it was all done, she donated the money she made to the hospital for cancer research, which would help kid's suffering from cancer. Other people heard about Alex's lemonade stand and decided to hold an Alex lemonade stand as well to help Alex raise even more money. Now, all over the states from New York to California every year people have Alex Lemonade Stands to raise money for sick kids. All the money is donated to sick children hospitals.

Even though the operation was a success, and she was given the latest stem cell transplant treatment, Alex's cancer came back. She died at age 8 but not before inspiring a whole nation to raise more than one million USD for cancer research that was specifically aimed at helping kids with cancer. Her legacy is the Alex Scott Lemonade stands which ordinary people still host to this day.

Without a doubt, it is sad that Alex passed away. She had such determination and such a kind spirit. Alex's biography moved and inspired me at the same time. I admire all the things she accomplished even though she was sick herself. Her story shows everyone that it doesn't matter what your age is, you can still make a difference.

Alex's story shows us that we are weakened when we believe we are weak. That to face adversity, we must challenge ourselves to believe in our own strength. We must find our own courage. Although Alex's parents did not want her to suffer or die. They too had to have the strength to let Alex try whatever she wanted to do. I was not as sick as Alex when I was young, but I had trouble with my body, so this story touched my heart. I could identify with Alex. I was very sad when she died because I really wanted her to live. To have a chance to do even greater things but I am equally amazed that she did more in 8 years than many of us will do in a long lifetime. Alex, and her story, is not just an inspiration for me but for all people, not just kids.

#### Book Read

Book title : Alex and The Amazing Lemonade Stand  
Author : Jay Scott, Liz Scott  
Publisher : Paje Publishing Company, 2008.

#### Comments

- A simple act can make a big difference for those in need.
- You got a right choice. The story of Alex Scott is so amazing that it can have an impact on many people.