

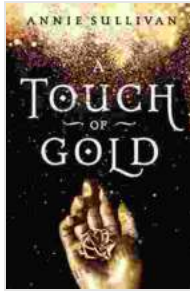
Touch of Gold: Annie Sullivan, the Miracle Worker Who Transformed Helen Keller's World



A Touch of Gold by Annie Sullivan

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The Early Years

Annie Sullivan was born in 1866 in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. Her parents were Irish immigrants who struggled to make ends meet. When Annie was five years old, her mother died of tuberculosis. Two years later, her father remarried and the family moved to Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

Annie's stepmother was a cruel woman who often beat her. Annie was also teased and bullied by her classmates because of her poor eyesight. In 1880, when Annie was 14 years old, she was sent to the Perkins School for the Blind in Boston.

At Perkins, Annie excelled in her studies. She was a gifted student and quickly learned to read and write Braille. She also developed a love of literature and poetry.

In 1886, Annie graduated from Perkins and was hired as a teacher for Helen Keller, a six-year-old girl who was both deaf and blind.

The Miracle Worker

Helen Keller was born in 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama. When she was 19 months old, she contracted scarlet fever, which left her deaf and blind.

Helen's parents were desperate to find a way to communicate with their daughter. They hired several teachers, but none of them were able to make any progress.

In 1886, Helen's parents heard about Annie Sullivan. They invited Annie to come to Alabama and teach Helen.

Annie arrived at the Keller home in March 1887. She immediately began working with Helen, using a combination of sign language and lip reading.

At first, Helen was resistant to learning. She had never been taught before and she was frustrated by her inability to communicate. But Annie was patient and persistent. She never gave up on Helen, even when things were tough.

Gradually, Helen began to make progress. She learned to read and write Braille, and she developed a love of learning.

In 1894, Helen and Annie enrolled at the Radcliffe College for Women. Helen was the first deaf and blind person to ever attend college.

Helen graduated from Radcliffe in 1904 with honors. She went on to become a world-renowned author, lecturer, and activist for people with disabilities.

Annie Sullivan died in 1936. She is remembered as one of the most dedicated and inspiring teachers in history. Her work with Helen Keller transformed the lives of both women and helped to change the world's perception of people with disabilities.

A Legacy of Inspiration

Annie Sullivan's story is an inspiration to us all. It is a story of hope, perseverance, and the power of education.

Annie Sullivan never gave up on Helen Keller, even when things were tough. She believed in Helen's potential and she was determined to help her succeed.

Thanks to Annie's dedication, Helen Keller was able to overcome her disabilities and achieve great things. She became a world-renowned author, lecturer, and activist for people with disabilities.

Annie Sullivan's legacy is one of inspiration and hope. Her story reminds us that anything is possible if we set our minds to it.

Call to Action

If you are interested in learning more about Annie Sullivan and Helen Keller, I encourage you to read the book "Touch of Gold" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. This book is a beautifully written and inspiring account of their lives and work together.

You can also visit the Annie Sullivan and Helen Keller Museum in Tuscumbia, Alabama. The museum is dedicated to preserving the legacy of these two remarkable women.

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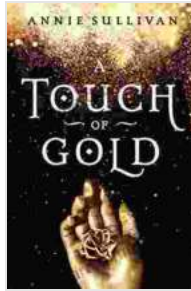
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