

In 1954, the Supreme Court of the United States declared that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. Six years later in 1960, most southern schools (and many in the north) were still segregated. Linda tells the story through the eyes of Ruby as a little girl. It is a sensitive and moving actual account of Ruby's difficult year.

The Problem We All Live With  
Norman Rockwell



*"... Ruby Bridges was six years old in 1960. She was excited to attend a new school for first grade, Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana. There was only one problem, the school was a "white only" school and Ruby Bridges was an African American..."*

*"... Because Ruby Bridges was an African American, all of the white parents at the school decided to boycott the school by keeping their children home. Very few students went to Frantz Elementary School that year – and no students were assigned to Ruby's class. She sat in her first grade classroom all alone with her teacher for an entire year..."*

Ruby Bridges coming out of school  
with the Federal Marshalls, 1960

