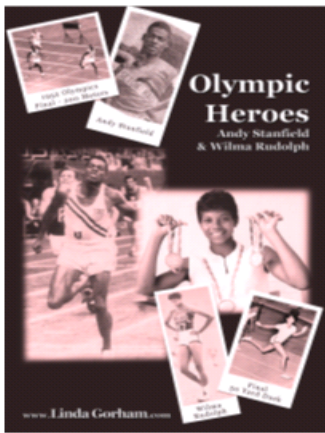


WILMA RUDOLPH & ANDY STANFIELD, OLYMPIC HEROES
PRESENTED BY LINDA GORHAM



African Americans Wilma Rudolph and Andy Stanfield beat the odds to become Olympic gold medal winners.

When Wilma Rudolph was a baby she had many illnesses, including measles, mumps, scarlet fever, chicken pox, and double pneumonia. Then as a young child, already weak from the other diseases, she contracted polio and lost the use of her left leg. The doctor told her mother that she would never be able to walk. Her family never gave up. With their help, she learned to walk and she learned to run – fast!

In 1956, at 20 years old, Wilma Rudolph became the first American woman to win three gold medals at the Olympics.

Linda tells her story by reading from a diary Rudolph might have kept.

Andy Stanfield, Linda's uncle, also won Olympic gold. As a boy, the aunt who raised him always told him that he would never succeed at anything. Stanfield was determined to prove her wrong. As a young man, he found success in track and field sports. Andy Stanfield ran and ran fast! At the 1952 and 1956 Olympics he won three medals – two gold and one silver.

Stanfield and Rudolph were both part of the United States Olympic team in 1956. Both stories exemplify perseverance. If you believe in yourself, you can do anything!

Wilma Rudolph: Olympic Hero



Wilma Rudolph: Winning Gold



Andy Stanfield 1952 Olympics Final 200 Meter Dash

