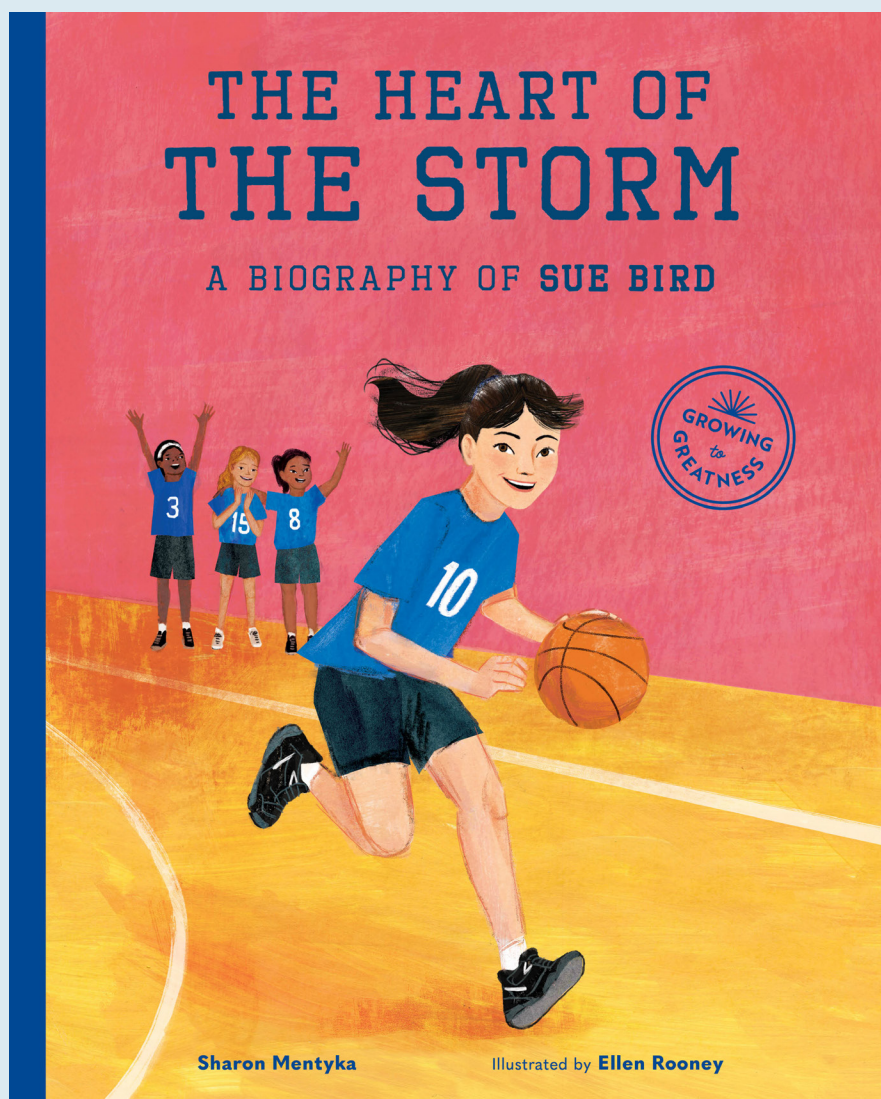




# EDUCATOR'S GUIDE



## THE HEART OF THE STORM

A Biography of Sue Bird

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## GET MORE OUT OF THIS BOOK

### GROUP DISCUSSION

#### Comprehension

##### **Strategy: Key Details**

Think of 2 key details each from the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

##### **Strategy: Theme**

Think of 4–6 details in the story that support the theme of “Find your passion and follow your dream.”

##### **Strategy: Theme**

Think of 4–6 details in the story that support the theme of “You can overcome adversity.”

### GROUP ACTIVITIES

Have a partner discussion and then a whole group discussion around these opinions:

**“You have to have hard experiences to build character.”**

**“As professional athletes, women have to work harder.”**

**“Winning is/isn’t everything.”**

Use discourse moves such as:

*What I hear you saying is . . .*  
*I respectfully disagree because . . .*  
*In my experience . . .*  
*What do you think about . . .*  
*I agree with you/that because . . .*  
*Can you say more about . . .*

### INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES

**Think** about your own passions and dreams. How do people come to have a dream? What do you think you want to do with your life at this point in time?

**Draw** a picture of yourself pursuing your passion. Write a paragraph using the topic sentence “My

dream/passion is . . .” Support this statement with 5–8 detailed sentences that describe your passion. End your paragraph with the question “What is your dream/passion?”

**Think** of a problem Sue had in the story and put it in a sentence. Write sentences that describe steps she took to solve the problem using “First,” “Next,” “Then,” and “Last.”

**Read** another biography about a sports figure or famous person. Compare them to Sue Bird. Look for differences as well as similarities such as having a role model, going through struggles, and learning new things.

Interview someone you know about their passion. Use these questions as well as some of your own:

1. What is something you do very well?
2. What is a passion of yours?
3. When did you discover this about yourself?
4. Do/did you have a role model or someone you highly respect influencing you? Who are/were they?

