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**Grade:** Junior

**Book Title:** I Am Malala

**Book Author:** Malala Yousafzai

**Rate 1-5:** 4

The novel begins with the fascinating tale of a young Pakistani girl who, in the face of extreme risk, defended her right to an education. Although the Taliban's harsh tactics posed a severe threat to Malala's life, she refused to allow them to silence her. She was shot by the Taliban in 2012 to silence her, but she lived. The story reveals Malala's bravery, struggle to promote education and the war on extremism in her native land. Following the example of her father, Malala took to the public stage demanding that girls be able to go to school and began writing a blog for the BBC in which she described day-to-day life under the Taliban.

Overall, this novel was intriguing because of its first-hand experience of Malala and all the hardships she went through. The part of this novel I didn't like was the slow pace of the book. Also how there was so much more background and political context of the situation rather than her experience which I found more interesting. My favorite character from the novel is Malala's father as he, merely like Malala, was an activist and an educator who inspired Malala in her advocacy and supported her along the way.

I would recommend this book because of its power, inspiration, lesson, and meaning to the story. It highlights the importance of education and gives us a sense of realization on how grateful we should be for a school system. I would recommend this book to anyone in high school and up as it will teach them about the history of the Taliban, while also accounting for an interesting story.