

# LORGNETTE

Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

## Author

Dalton, Angela

## Illustrator

Illustrated by Lauren Semmer

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Nonfiction (791.45 or biography)

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3 and up

## Book Review: TO BOLDLY GO: HOW NICHELLE NICHOLS AND STAR TREK HELPED ADVANCE CIVIL RIGHTS

Angela Dalton tells the story of Nichelle Nichols, the actress who played Lieutenant Uhura in Star Trek, and how the equality and hope depicted in the TV show helped inspire and advance the Civil Rights Movement. At a time when Hollywood relegated black actresses almost totally to the roles of servants or the like, Star Trek was unique in that the role of Lieutenant Uhura was portrayed as intellectual and equal to the other characters in the series. When Nichelle Nichols became discouraged by the racism she encountered and considered leaving the show, she was inspired to stay and continue her groundbreaking work by an unexpected fan: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dalton's straightforward text paired with Lauren Semmer's blocky illustrations convey the story of an iconic actress with punch and pizzazz. The illustration style gives, appropriately enough, vibes reminiscent of the 1960s and 1970s, with bright colors and non-realistic proportions. Included at the end is a section about Nichols' work after Star Trek, an author's note, references for the direct quotations used, and resources for further reading.

This excellent biography is recommended for libraries of all types.

