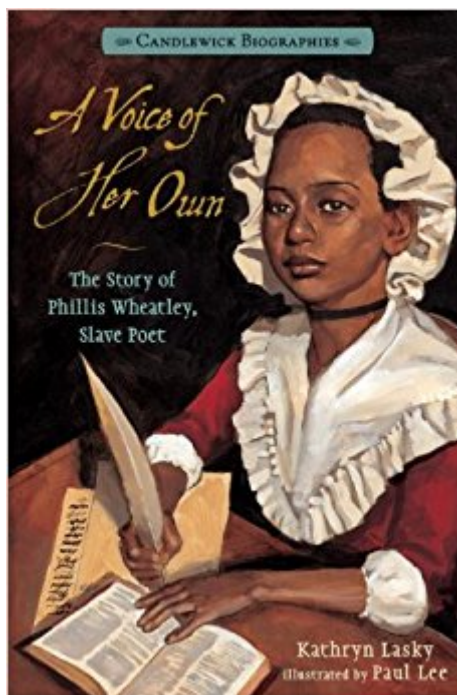




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# A Voice Of Her Own: Candlewick Biographies: The Story Of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet



## Synopsis

"Lasky shows not only the facts of Wheatley's life but also the pain of being an accomplished black woman in a segregated world." [• BOOKLIST](#) "We'll call her Phillis." In 1761, a young African girl was sold to the Wheatley family in Boston, who named her Phillis after the slave schooner that had carried her. Kidnapped from her home in Africa and shipped to America, she had everything taken from her - her family, her name, and her language. But Phillis Wheatley was no ordinary young girl. She had a passion to learn, and the Wheatleys encouraged her, breaking with unwritten rule in New England to keep slaves illiterate. Amid the tumult of the Revolutionary War, Phillis Wheatley became a poet and ultimately had a book of verse published, establishing herself as the first African American woman poet this country had ever known. She also found what had been taken away from her and from slaves everywhere: a voice of her own.

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Kathryn Lasky is the author of many books for children, including *SUGARING TIME*, a Newbery Honor Book; *SHOW AND TELL BUNNIES* and *SCIENCE FAIR BUNNIES*; and *VISION OF BEAUTY: THE STORY OF SARAH BREEDLOVE WALKER*. Kathryn Lasky says she was drawn to

Phillis Wheatley's story because she was fascinated by the relationship between the writer's voice, her identity as a slave, and freedom. Paul Lee is a painter and freelance illustrator. He has illustrated the acclaimed AMISTAD RISING by Veronica Chambers, and THE GOOD LUCK CAT by Joy Harjo. While working on A VOICE OF HER OWN, Paul Lee had to do considerable research to make sure the illustrations were historically accurate - research that even entailed renting costumes from a local opera house.

Easy read and great information for English and Social Studies classes.

Having not grown up stateside I wanted my 4th grade daughter to do her Black History project on someone we had never heard about. She found this book full of information, and in addition, it sparked her interest in poetry.

Arrived in time and it's excellent for a 5th grade reader! Not too much, too too little. Perfect!

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