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Acclaimed author Walter Dean Myers and debut picture-book artist Alix Delinois make the depth and complexity of larger-than-life legend Muhammad Ali accessible to young readers in this biography that reflects the beauty and power of the man who could "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee." This Amistad copublication features a timeline and quotes from Ali himself.

Walter Dean Myers: "Why Ali Is My Hero"

"When Cassius Clay emerged in the early sixties, he touched two vital areas of black life: He was the absolute personification of 'black is beautiful!' and he brought a new meaning to the idea of Black Power, not only in his ring victories, but in his amazing personal courage. He was beautiful and powerful without making that beauty and power antiwhite. Clay, and later Ali, was not only a black hero but, with his humor and antiwar stance, a hero for young white Americans as well."

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