

They Did It First by Julie Leung

They Did It First features fifty amazing scientists, artists and mathematicians who were not afraid to dream big and be the FIRST to achieve in their area of expertise. Read this book to discover how these brilliant men and women pushed the boundaries of possibility and went on to change the world.

The book is written by Julie Leung and contains some wonderful illustrations throughout of the extraordinary men and women profiled which include well-known figures such as Alan Turing, Jane Goodall and Aretha Franklin, alongside lesser-known achievers, such as Thai Lee, the first Korean woman to graduate Harvard Business School, and Walter Alvarez, who was the first person to come up with the idea that dinosaurs died from an asteroid blast.

They came from all walks of life, faced many different challenges and had to use the values of resilience, reflectiveness, reciprocity and resourcefulness. This meant that they all went on to achieve great things and make outstanding contributions to the world, paving the way for others who came after them.

I would recommend this book for Key Stage 2.