



Title: Read with Phinnie (Level 6) Special People
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Summary: Gill Daniels' Special People is a thoughtful children's book that highlights the themes of kindness and respect by telling the stories of Florence Nightingale and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

When Florence Nightingale was 24 years old, she decided to become a nurse to help the sick and the poor. Florence's parents did not want her to work in hospitals but nothing could change Florence's mind. In 1854, Florence went to the Crimea to help take care of the wounded soldiers. Florence was a kind and gentle woman. She helped the soldiers write letters home. Everyone called her the 'Lady of the Lamp' because she often walked around the hospital at night with her lamp. Florence Nightingale's influences were great. Her work in the Crimean War inspired Jean Henri Dunant, who started the Red Cross in 1864. Today, the Red Cross helps those who suffer from wars and natural disasters.

Another inspiring story is about Mother Teresa. While in Calcutta of India, Mother Teresa was moved by the presence of the sick and dying in the city. She decided to serve among the poorest of the poor. She and other nuns brought very sick Indians from the streets of Calcutta to their home and took care of them until they died. They washed their wounds, gave them shelter and made them feel loved and wanted. Mother Teresa opened more homes for the dying, as well as orphanages all over India. In 1979, Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize. She had selflessly served and loved the poor and the needy in her life.

Reasons for recommendation: This storybook is recommended for students to read as the stories of Florence Nightingale and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta are inspiring. Everyone is special. We can learn a lot from one another. We can help others by doing voluntary work, donating our time, toys, books and even money to the needy. After reading this book, I hope more students can learn that everyone can give hands to the needy and be the light of others.