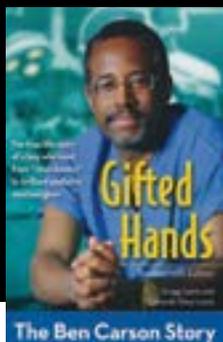




GIFTED HANDS

The Ben Carson Story
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Where do you like to read?

Since I like to read out loud, I usually go to my room so my mom, sister, and stepdad aren't bothered. My bed is so comfortable, though, that I sometimes fall asleep while I read.

What genre do you prefer to read?

Family stories and stories about real people's lives are my favorites. I really like autobiographies the best, however, because I like when people tell about their own lives and it is them telling their own story and giving more facts and details.

My class just finished reading the book, "Gifted Hands." I don't want to give too much away, however, I will tell you this. This story was based off a real person named Ben Carson. Ben had a rough childhood. He grew up without a father and lived in bad neighborhoods. Because of this, he hung out with the wrong people. He was called "dumb" at school. However, Ben became a very educated man and an extraordinary neurosurgeon. What he does for people is very touching. He separated conjoined twins. He also helped a girl stop having seizures by successfully removing half of her brain.

Ben has a wife and children and wants to help kids and families. He thinks "What if this happened to my kids?" This book touched my heart. I started to cry during some of the most intense parts. Ben is 63 years old now and is considering running for president. I think if he decides to, he will be a good president because he's a great role model and will help people when they need him. Also, the book shows that when he sets his mind to something, he gets the job done.

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