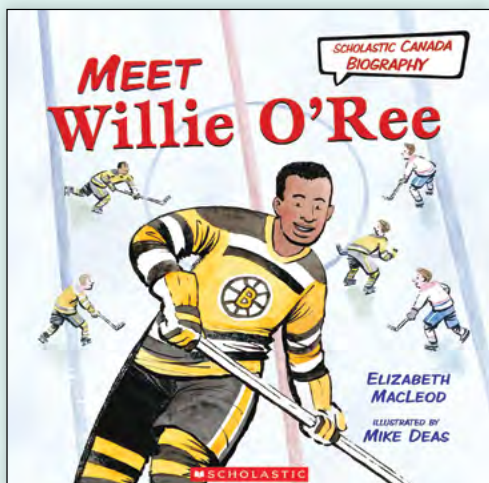


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A note from the author

I've always loved hockey, so I was excited to write about Willie. He had a tough time in the NHL because he was Black, but he persevered in the face of discrimination because of his love of hockey. Willie is still involved in the game, helping kids who are Black, Indigenous or People of Colour (BIPOC) play and learn the important lessons that sports can teach.



Meet Willie O'Ree

1. With a friend, pretend to be Willie and a reporter interviewing him after his first National Hockey League (NHL) game. What questions do you think the reporter would ask? Present the interview to your class. Can you dress the way the reporter and Willie might have in 1958?
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4. Playing in the NHL was Willie's dream. Would you like to play a professional sport? Give three reasons why or why not.
5. In 1958, Willie was the first black player in the NHL, but there have been others since then. Research one of them and make a list of five facts about his life.

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