



A Hand to Guide Me by Denzel Washington Journal Entries by Tyler Welch

Dear Diary: Today I was sitting in my house thinking of all the people that have helped me through my life and wondered what I would have become if they were not there. My mother was one of the people that inspired me throughout my life. I remembered that my parents always helped me out as I was growing up. They supported me in everything I did and everything I wanted to do. I remember when my father first taught me to bat right, and I'm not sure I could have made it as far as I did batting cross-handed. The biggest person to inspire me was Jackie Robinson. He was an amazing athlete, and he also showed me that I could accomplish whatever I wanted and it didn't matter what skin color I had. I remember when I was growing up I used to watch him play baseball and dream of being out on the mound and playing with the pros.

---Hank Aaron

Dear Diary: Today was amazing. We were playing down in the old field where we always play baseball with the guys; we had the best time ever. Today I was playing and I got two home runs and also got four base hits. I was on fire! Later on that night, at around 7pm, my mother called me, and I had to go because I remember the last time I didn't go when my mother called me, and I got a whipping, and I hated it because my dad was really strict.

--- Hank Aaron