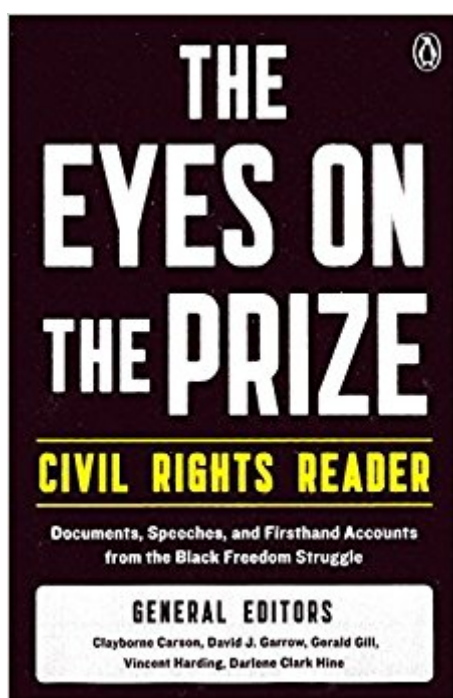


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The Eyes On The Prize Civil Rights Reader: Documents, Speeches, And Firsthand Accounts From The Black Freedom Struggle



Synopsis

The most comprehensive anthology of primary sources available, spanning the entire history of the American civil rights movement. A record of one of the greatest and most turbulent movements of this century, *Eyes on the Prize: Civil Rights Reader* is essential for anyone interested in learning how far the American civil rights movement has come and how far it has to go. Included are the Supreme Court's *Brown vs Board of Education* decision in its entirety; speeches by Martin Luther King, Jr., and his famous "Letter from Birmingham City Jail"; an interview with Rosa Parks; selections from Malcolm X Speaks; Black Panther Bobby Seale's *Seize the Time*; Ralph Abernathy's controversial *And the Walls Came Tumbling Down*; a piece by Herman Badillo on the infamous Attica prison uprising; addresses by Harold Washington, Jesse Jackson, Nelson Mandela, and much more. "An important volume for students and professionals who wish to grasp the basic nature of the civil rights movement and how it changed America in fundamental ways." —Aldon Morris, Northwestern University

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This volume is one of several produced in conjunction with the 14-part PBS *Eyes on the Prize* television series. It is a collection of over 100 court decisions, speeches, interviews, and other documents on the civil rights movement from 1954 to 1990. Included in the collection are the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision of the Supreme Court that declared legally segregated schools to be

unconstitutional, Martin Luther King's "Letter from Birmingham City Jail," Harold Washington's inaugural speech after being elected mayor of Chicago, and the speech delivered by Nelson Mandela in Atlanta in June 1990. The chapter introductions written by the editors are sometimes too brief to enable readers to fully appreciate the context and importance of the documents.

Nonetheless, the volume is rich in primary source material on the civil rights movement. It can be a valuable reference work for public and university libraries.- Thomas H. Ferrell, Univ. of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette
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When you get involved in studying political events and movements, ultimately there is going to be some disagreement on interpretations. While the Civil Rights Movement has suffered less revisionist history than many events of the last century, it is still valuable to go to the source documents and read about events in the words of those who participated in history or who made history. I agree that this book works well in tandem with another more narrative history, such as *Eyes on the Prize*, or *Partin the Waters*. But the compilers have done an excellent job of grouping by topics, with clear introductions putting the pieces that follow into proper place. I was surprised - I feared that this would be more dry of a read than it was. Instead I found myself pulled along, especially by some riveting first hand accounts of events such as the Attica riots. Another big plus for the book is that it brings the documents and the struggles into the 1980's, when first published. Many books on the Civil Rights Movement cover until 1965, or 1968, this one keeps events in the 1970's and 80's relevant to what came before. I highly recommend this for anyone who is looking to feel as if they were there for these struggles, and understand our history.

It gives a decent accounting of civil rights movement. There is so much history here that I believe people have forgotten. It was nice to refresh this chapter in America's history, even though it was not one of America's best days.

I love the journey it takes you through from source to source. I nearly all of this book for school and it was a great complement to our discussion on the Civil Rights Movement both in and out of the courtroom

This is a great book. All the key points in the Civil Rights Movements, in easy to understand chronological and historical format. Great for teachers and students alike. Commands attention, and enlightens discussions. I would highly recommend it to all.

Not happy with this purchase It was an older version of the book, not what is shown, and to return it cost more than the book itself, so I can't even send it back. A waste of money.

Every page is enlightening. I especially loved Malcolm X's "Message to the Grassroots". Overall a great reference book, one I expect to stay relevant longer than I will.

This book is an excellent source of information. Very easy reading. Nice price also. This book is a keeper to share the history of African-Americans and the Civil Rights Movement.

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