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Fannie Lou Hamer: The Life Of A Civil Rights Icon



Synopsis

This book explores the life of one of Mississippi's greatest civil rights activists, Fannie Lou Hamer. Known for her daring, her brinkmanship and her impassioned speech-making, Hamer rose to prominence in the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, an intrepid group which tried to unseat the predominantly white Democrats of Mississippi during the 1964 Democratic National Convention. She is particularly remembered for her speech before the Credentials Committee, seeking to end all-white representation of her home state. Hamer fought her entire life to expand freedom and basic rights to African Americans in the United States.

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Customer Reviews

If you like repetition every few pages throughout a book, speculation, and random filler information that you can find on Wikipedia then this is the book for . If you want an authorized biography this is not the one for you. I feel swindled.

Fannie Lou Hamer is a civil rights icon, and her life is one I am very familiar with. I looked forward to

this biography by an African American Mississipian, but found this book poorly written and amazingly repetitive. The author goes back over familiar material once, twice and three times, and also fails to source important material. This book really has minimal value and is extremely disappointing. Wish I could send it back!

Too biased.

Very easy to read but also extremely informative. Discusses Fannie Lou Hamer's life and also goes into detail about the civil rights movement in Mississippi and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. She was far more of an influential civil rights leader than is represented by the amount of material written about her. Great detail too about the 1964 convention.

From this modest of beginnings, Ms. Hamer would go on to challenge the President of the United States, the National Democratic Party, members of Congress and the American people about fulfilling the promised of democracy. She was the first black women ever seated on the floor of the House and the first black Mississippians since 1882. She opposed the war in Vietnam from the beginning. She organized programs to feed poor people, tend to their ills, house them and clothes them, train them for jobs. Fannie Lou Hamer was born in the Mississippi Delta. This was the place of the Senate seat of this wild eyed racist that American has ever known. Senator Eastland (Senator Jesse Helms was a political midget compared to Eastland). This is the place where Federal registrar didn't dare show their face and when they did they would pretend to be having business somewhere else. So this is the place where white men terrorize black people. Not just men, but women and children too. There was one more crucial element that molded this poor sharecropper into a leader_ it was anger, touched with sorrow was the lack of control over her own life. Without her knowledge or permission, Fannie Lou Hamer was sterilized in 1961. What make Fannie Lou so great is that she was born under this shear terror and oppression.

Although I did not purchase this book from , I did purchase this book at my local bookstore. This was not a requirement to read, but I chose to do so, anyways. It really is a great book which gives us an insight on Fannie Lou Hamer's life. It was written in such a matter that makes all of us understand. Not only is he a wonderful professor, he is a wonderful, intellectual author as well.:)

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