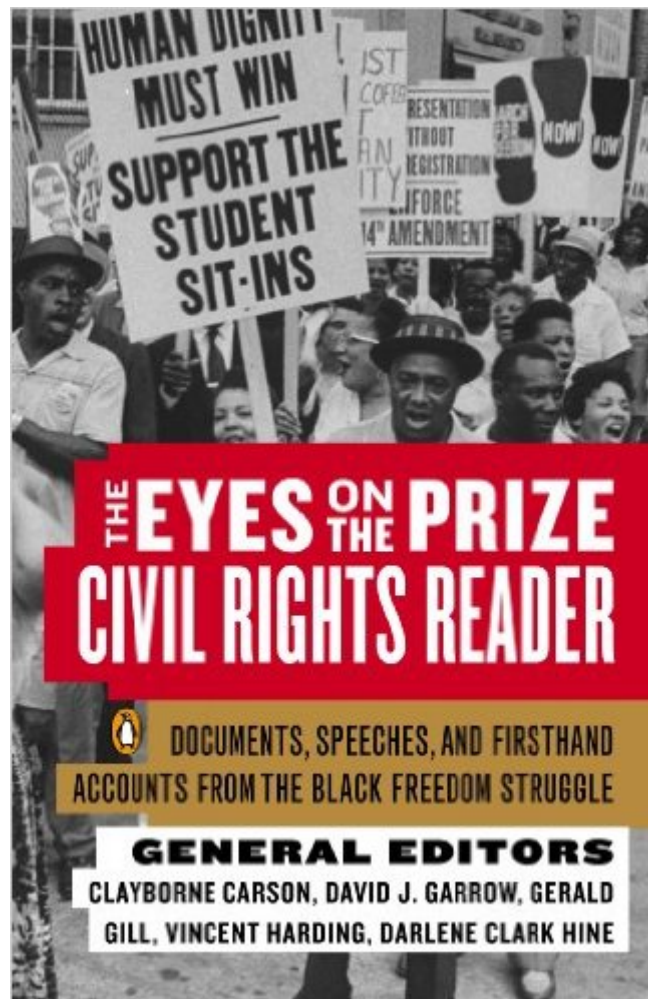


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The Eyes on the Prize Civil Rights Reader brings together the most comprehensive anthology of primary sources available, spanning the entire history of the American civil rights movement. An important volume for students and professionals who wish to grasp the basic nature of the civil rights movement and how it changed America in fundamental ways.

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Customer Reviews

I think that this book is a valued companion to Taylor Branch's epic work "Parting the Waters". Together, they make an unbeatable pair of study aids for one of America's most turbulent periods. While P.T.W. is a more dispassionate third person chronicle, E.O.T.P. is more personally driven. It brings to life individuals like Bayard Rustin, Stokely Carmichael, John Lewis and other giants (known and obscure) of the movement. Events from the Till lynching to the Attica riots as seen through the eyes of those on the scene (sometimes, those making the scene). Fascinating reading.

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.

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.

This is a great book to get a background on the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 60's. I read it when I began trying to learn about the CRM and some of the key players.

I took a history of civil rights course in college, and this book was one of the required reading materials. I started reading it and couldn't put it down. I liked how the author included first hand accounts from individuals who actually lived during the civil rights movement. Before I read this book I only knew about two civil rights leaders- MLK Jr. and Malcolm X. I learned about other leaders and organizations such as Thurgood Marshall, SCLC, SNCC, and CORE. This is a must read because it will open your eyes to the civil rights struggle.

Whoever taking history of civil rights movement need to read this book, this has very important materials that can actually make you emphasize what has happened in those years. My book came in great condition.

Great resource of civil rights documents. This should be read as a supplement to the Eyes on the Prize documentary series. It contains fourteen chapters that go with the fourteen episodes. Each chapter contains a wealth of writings that complement each episode.

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