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Martin Luther King And The Montgomery Story



Synopsis

Nearly sixty years after its creation, a little-known landmark of comic book history returns! This 16-page comic is a simple but revolutionary account of the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott, in which Rosa Parks, Dr. King, and 50,000 others used the power of nonviolence to battle segregation on city buses - and win. First published in December 1957 by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, it went unnoticed by the mainstream comic book industry, but spread like wildfire among civil rights groups, churches, and schools, helping to mobilize a generation to join the global fight for equality - nonviolently. Personally endorsed by Martin Luther King, Jr. himself, over time this comic book has reached beyond his time and place to inspire activists in Latin America, South Africa, Vietnam, Egypt, and beyond... as well as inspiring MARCH, the new graphic novel trilogy by Congressman John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell.

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Customer Reviews

This is the only officially authorized reprint of the landmark 1957/58 comic book that has helped inspire protest movements across the world over the last fifty years. One of the things that most impressed me was the care given to reproducing the comic exactly as it was printed in the 1950's. When you read it, you feel like you're holding a sacred historic artifact. Most importantly, all proceeds go to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the organization that originally had the courage to

produce the comic at a time when comics were not nearly as beloved as they are today.

Outstanding and great reflection of the true spirit of the Civil Rights Movement in a way that young (and older) people would appreciate.

I previously had no idea how much Dr. King's response to racism and violence stemmed from love. Only recently have I learned that civil rights activists were trained in non-violent response. I lived through the civil rights era and recall how the media was much more focused on the Black Panthers and other groups whose response to racism was sometimes intimidation and violence. There was nothing gimmicky or irreverent about the story of Dr. King and Montgomery being related through the medium of a comic book.

Incredible depth in a comic book. Covers King's life, Rosa Parks and the Bus Boycott, and the life of Ghandi. This is a great historical document. Saving it for my grandchildren.

This slim "comic book" inspired the "March" books by John Lewis. All these graphic books can help teach children and adults about our ongoing struggles to secure civil rights and voting rights.

This is an inspirational and historic read. I was interested in it as a piece of MLK Jr.'s story. I didn't expect it to be the still-relevant guideline to civic engagement that it is. It is a gift on both counts.

I had no idea this book existed. It's needed now just as it was in 1957. What an inspiration that gives us tools in 2017 to combat ruthless conservative regression and hate. Love is the way.

This is a great resource for anyone who wants to understand more about the struggle for civil rights. A good introduction to the topic for children and young teens.

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