

# Coming of Age in Mississippi



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Born to a poor couple who were tenant farmers on a plantation in Mississippi, Anne Moody lived through some of the most dangerous days of the pre-civil rights era in the South. The week before she began high school came the news of Emmet Till's lynching. Before then, she had "known the fear of hunger, hell, and the Devil. But now there was...the fear of being killed just because I was black." In that moment was born the passion for freedom and justice that would change her life.

An all-A student whose dream of going to college is realized when she wins a basketball scholarship, she finally dares to join the NAACP in her junior year. Through the NAACP and later through CORE and SNCC she has first-hand experience of the demonstrations and sit-ins that were the mainstay of the civil rights movement, and the arrests and jailings, the shotguns, fire hoses, police dogs, billy clubs and deadly force that were used to destroy it.

A deeply personal story but also a portrait of a turning point in our nation's destiny, this autobiography lets us see history in the making, through the eyes of one of the footsoldiers in the civil rights movement.

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那个语气就是令我不爽啊

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当回顾历史时，我们会赞美那些坚持做自己认为对的人，因为在知道结果的情况下，我们会觉得他们只是执着而已。而对于这些深处南方的非裔来说，当白人舆论、当地媒体、各郡政府、地方司法没有一个给他们些许公正的时候，需要钦佩的是他们的勇气。他们所受的迫害不亚于我们在小学时读的“白色恐怖”。在不能得到公正的社会环境下，我真的很难想象其中的绝望。  
在看那个年代的影像时，眼见他们像牲口一样被对待是震惊和愤怒的。美国的民主自由是二百年的血迹历史。从林肯为了快速结束南北战争，颁布了不疼不痒的《奴隶解放宣言》Emancipation Proclamation开始，就开启了非裔对天赋的权利与自由的漫漫长路。越是缺什么才越是叫的大声，当我们听到时并不意味着他们已有，而是他们太需要。

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