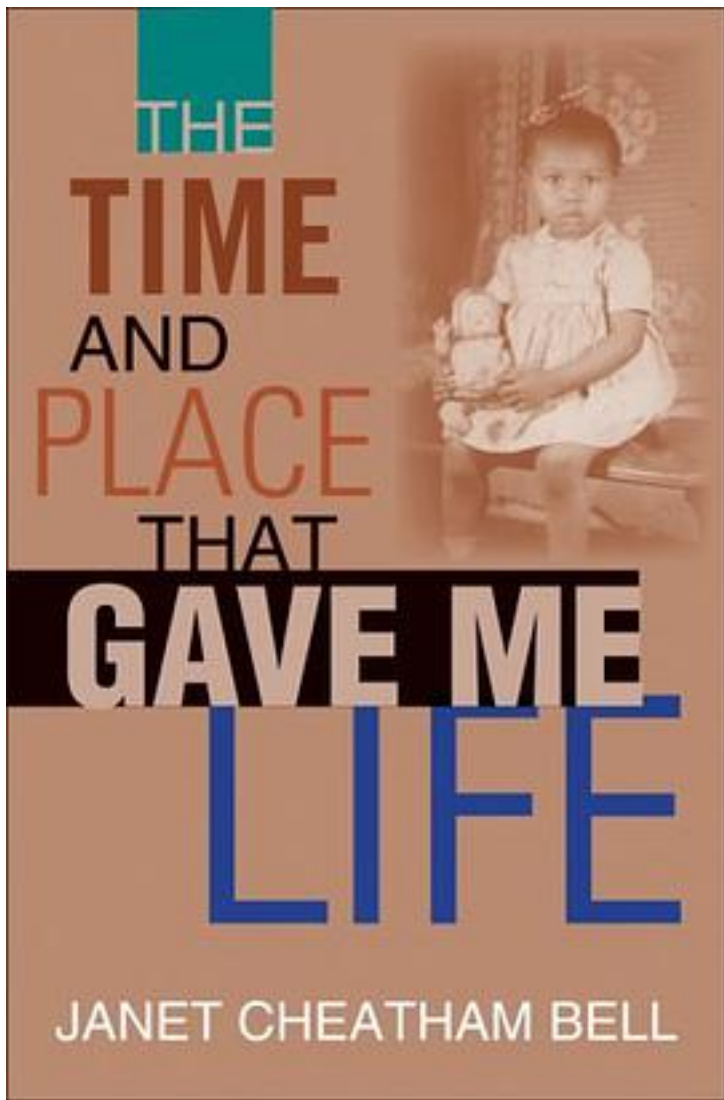


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Janet Cheatham Bell's riveting memoir recounts her experiences coming of age as an African American girl in Indianapolis during the 1930s to the mid-1960s. In taut chapters, Bell introduces the reader to life defined largely by race and racial discrimination - from her birth in 1937 and her parents' early struggles after relocating to Indianapolis from Kentucky; to her first job as a maid in a wealthy white household; to her humiliating experiences at a "white" high school; to experiencing racism at Indiana University; to coping with personal tragedy and rising to overcome it. Devoid of hyperbole or the trauma that defines so many memoirs, particularly those of celebrities, the strength and appeal of Bell's memoir lies in her direct, but personal tone, and her deft use of anecdotes. "I think of myself as ordinary," writes Bell, "but the lives of ordinary people are not identical, and the details of those lives are worth knowing".

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