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This book is a small part of what might be called the hidden story of the civil rights movement. Anyone who lived through those sometimes glorious and often dangerous days, who read about the movement in newspapers and saw it dramatically unfolding on nightly TV newscasts, might reasonably wonder how much could still be hidden. This is particularly true now that journalists and scholars and filmmakers have spent ahnost twenty-five years exhaustively reexamining the subject and occasionally throwing new light into previously obscure

corners.

Even the "hidden" life of Martin l,uther King, Jr., is no longer much of a secret. So it would be wrong to suggest that the movement years still contain many surprises of the sort that make big headlines. Yet headlines tell only a small part of this great story. Hardly less dramatic are the experiences of the thousands of anonymous/blk who fought their fight far from the glare of the camera and whose travail never got them a single paragraph in a newspaper or so much as a thirty-second sound bite on the "Huntley-Brinkley Report" or the "CBS Evening News."
We remember the riots and the marches and the big speeches and all the political posturing. We constantly heard about the chaos in the streets, but how much did we hear about the chaos in every community and home where blacks and whites suddenly had to cope with a changed social order thrust on them from above and were never certain exactly what was expected of them?

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