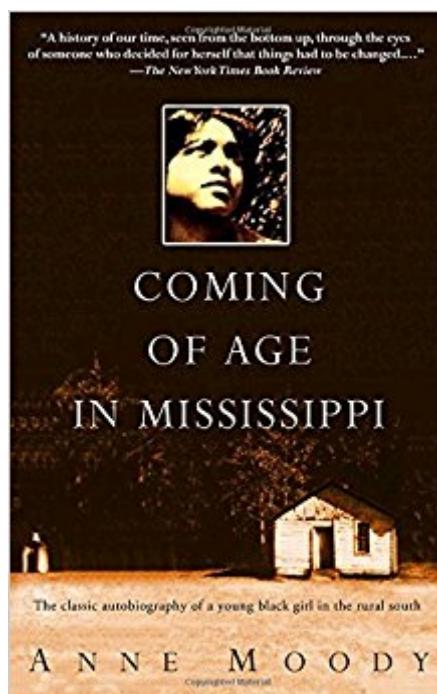


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Coming Of Age In Mississippi: The Classic Autobiography Of A Young Black Girl In The Rural South



Synopsis

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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black life begins to speak. It hits the page like a natural force, crude and undeniable and, against all principles of beauty, beautiful. • The Nation “Engrossing, sensitive, beautiful” Also candid, so honest, and so touching, as to make it virtually impossible to put down. • San Francisco Sun-Reporter

Written without a trace of sentimentality or apology, this is an unforgettable personal story -- the truth as a remarkable young woman named Anne Moody lived it. To read her book is to know what it is to have grown up black in Mississippi in the forties and fifties -- and to have survived with pride and courage intact. In this now classic autobiography, she details the sights, smells, and suffering of growing up in a racist society and candidly reveals the soul of a black girl who had the courage to challenge it. The result is a touchstone work: an accurate, authoritative portrait of black family life in the rural South and a moving account of a woman's indomitable heart. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I had my 12 yo son read this (in increments). A great reminder for myself and my son about the hardships that happened; and to not take education for granted! I recommend this book to people of all backgrounds...

I haven't finished a book in a few days in a very long time. My aunt and I are always sharing great reads so when she told me to read it, I never thought about reading the synopsis to see what this story was about. I just knew that we would discuss it along the way. When I first began reading this book, I had no idea it would have lead down the path of the civil rights movement, because in the beginning I was just thought it was a hilarious book about someone's childhood. I loved the way this story was written because it reminded me of what it must have been like when my mother was growing up. Soon I realized that it was no longer a funny story, but an unbelievable, well written, detailed story of Anne's life. Yes I know of the struggles that have been documented, details of some of the well known key players in the struggle, and much more; but for the first time, I felt like there was a personal connection between her story and everyday people like my family. As I continued reading, I began to have more and more questions that I needed answers to. It was great to hear the voice of someone who was not known world wide because readers like myself could make personal connection with this story that one wouldn't necessarily make with some of the more popular well-known people.

My daughter needed this book for her English class. Received in excellent condition, and was very interesting. She received extra credit for purchasing this book. Great buy!

Book was good. The beginning really caught my attention, but as the story went on it became less and less interesting as the character became older and fully involved in the civil rights movement. It had a very long ending.

I was assigned to read this book for my college American history class & it was by far the best book I was ever forced to read. It really moved me & opened my eyes to a reality that I could never understand existed. Anne Moody's autobiography should be a required read for any American history class. I highly recommend this book for anyone who wants to get a closer look of what it feels like to be "on the other side."

This was a wonderfully well-written book. I would find myself entrenched in the material and living through every moment with Anne. Her life was so thought provoking and she was very vivid in her encounters and experiences. The book sheds light on how things were going from someone who experienced it. We were required to read it for a class I took and I am glad that I had to read it. It is something that everyone of every background should read. It is truly eye opening and informative.

This is one of those books you pick up and it keeps you from sleeping because the story is so very compelling that you simply cannot put it down. This covers a time period of shame for our fledgling country that was formed by men and women who fled tyranny so that they could have religious freedom, but thought nothing in enslaving a free people. It is not so much a book to make you feel guilty, it is more a book that will help you understand what this young women, and many like her went through at this time in our history. Hearing her thoughts will be something that happens in your mind far past the time it takes you to read the book; you will finish this journey with a friend that tells you everything...

My first read of Coming of Age was when I too was - I was 13 years old. Anne Moody writes with such clarity and illumination. This is autobiographical, so her family's business is "out-there" so to speak. She is the heroine, she is angry and because this was an era where racial oppression and inequality was still blatantly legislated, her rebellious spirit would not be contained. I am now 60 years old, bought my grand daughter a Kindle Paper White and assigned this as one of her must

reads. I reread it. This time I am more analytical about this author and her civil rights story. I had varying emotions throughout the read. To this day, I understand that Ms. Moody is living in New York very privately and she does not grant interviews. Read Coming Of Age in Mississippi and you will see why. A must read for everyone!

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