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The powerful story of Fannie Lou Hamer, who grew up among "the poorest of the poor" in rural Mississippi and became a national figure in the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

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Tia says

An attempt to cover the public and personal sphere's of an incredible individual. A bit uneven, but very good.

Samantha Hines says

Absolutely inspirational and shockingly relevant.

Cherisse says

Moving and powerful.

Bridget says

A decently written history of a really interesting figure often left out of history books.

Pablo Uribe says

Compelling account of a powerful and inspiring life. Favorite chapters were in the lead up to MDFP (Mississippi Democratic Freedom Party) challenge at 1964 DNC (ch 5) and about Freedom Farm co-op work following deterioration of her relationship with SNCC (ch 8) the whole thing is brilliant though

Co Ffee says

Excited to read this

(a)lyss(a) says

"Fannie Lou noticed 'the people that wasn't working, which was the white folks, they had food and they had clothes and everything'."

This book is a wonderfully in depth look at the life of Ms. Hamer.

I learned about this book through 'This Little Light Of Mine' by Kay Mills - it was described as a book about Hamer from the perspective of a woman of color so I wanted to learn more.

This book dives in more about the details of Hamer's life and provides specific anecdotes, quotes, and examples. There's also a level of analyzing Ms. Hamer's life from how much of her influence came from her mother and how she chose to talk about herself as well as how she chose to talk about MLK Jr.

This book dives into the true injustices faced by people of color not all that long ago. From being beat and mistreated, being prevented from voting, being sterilized without cause, being tricked into working endlessly picking cotton for pennies a day, this is a thorough look at life under Jim Crow. It also details what an incredible woman Ms. Hamer truly was. By standing up to what she knew to be injustice she blazed the trail for so many woman to follow. And she didn't just talk - this book also dives into the Freedom Farm project and how Ms. Hamer and her supporters brought together a community that was being neglected by the laws that were supposed to protect them.

Harrowing and informative this book should be a part of history curriculum everywhere.

Jessica says

Hamer's life is fascinating and the book does a good job tracing the beginning of her activism and the changes she was able to bring about. A great figure to know about, especially in regards to civil rights.
