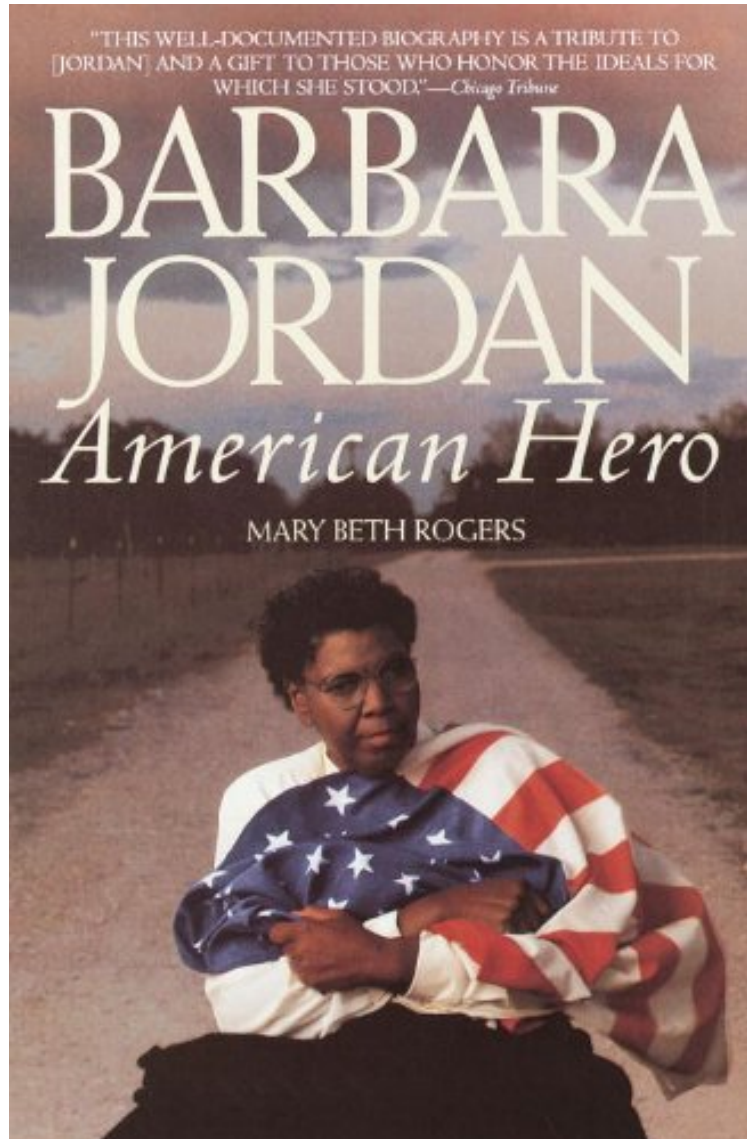


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A book as eloquent as its subject. Von Ein Kunde Before reading this book, my recollection of Barbara Jordan was of an eloquent speaker who said what she meant and meant what she said. I opened the cover of this book hoping to learn more about this much admired woman. By the book's conclusion I felt as if I was bidding farewell to a friendn as I

mourned her passing. Along the way I learned about a woman whose courage, compassion, and sense of justice and fairness helped open doors for so many of us, not just African-American women. I met a woman who overcome seemingly insurmountable odds and did it on her terms, never compromising, and not yet never harrangueing either. In so doing, she charted a course in rough waters and became a beacon for the Democratic Party, as well as the nation, during frequently turbulent times. Mary Beth Rogers does a masterful job of laying out Barbara Jordan's life in a way that both respected her passion for privacy and educated her admirers on her personal life and struggles. I highly recommend this book. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Magnificent biography of a magnificent woman Von A. C. Hughes This biography of Barbara Jordan written by Mary Beth Rogers is truly wonderful; it captures the essence of this remarkable woman in all of its many and varied nuances. It is most poignant when it shows how her advancing illness changes Miss Jordan's way of viewing life. It should be an inspiration to anyone, and in this era when we are given so few people to admire in a real way it is refreshing to think that we had one such individual among us. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Worth the effort it takes to read this book. Von Whale Lady A personal look at one of the greatest women of our time. She truly was a trail-blazer for women of all races and stood true to her ethical beliefs to the very end. Rogers also gives us an inside look at politics at it's very worst and very best. The book bogs down in details of political infighting but is worth the effort for the lessons learned.

Kurzbeschreibung Barbara Jordan was the first African American to serve in the Texas Senate since Reconstruction, the first black woman elected to Congress from the South, and the first to deliver the keynote address at a national party convention. Yet Jordan herself remained a mystery, a woman so private that even her close friends did not know the name of the illness that debilitated her for two decades until it struck her down at the age of fifty-nine. In Barbara Jordan, Mary Beth Rogers deftly explores the forces that shaped the moral character and quiet dignity of this extraordinary woman. She reveals the seeds of Jordan's trademark stoicism while recapturing the essence of a black woman entering politics just as the civil rights movement exploded across the nation. Celebrating Jordan's elegance, passion, and patriotism, this illuminating portrayal gives new depth to our understanding of one of the most influential women of our time—a woman whose powerful convictions and flair for oratorical drama changed the political landscape of America's twentieth century. From the Trade Paperback edition. de Barbara Jordan spoke in the cadences of a black preacher, backed by the moral force of the United States Constitution, and became Texas's first black senator since the Reconstruction era. She served in Congress for two decades before dying of multiple sclerosis at the age of 59 in 1996. "Barbara Jordan was the first African American elected official to become an American hero," Mary Beth Rogers writes. "She broke through previously impenetrable barriers to become an 'inside' political player who was taken very seriously by the white politicians in power." The height of Jordan's power (and fame) came from her interpretation of the Constitution during the 1974 Watergate hearings, a speech that set the stage for President Richard Nixon's resignation. Two years later, Jordan riveted America with her televised keynote speech at the Democratic Party National Convention. Tracing Jordan's upbringing in Houston's Fifth Ward as the daughter of a Baptist minister, Rogers takes us through her battles with sexism and racism (including black Americans' internal color-based caste system). She also peels away the mysteries of her personality, which was described as "stubborn," "cold," and "sarcastic," the result of emotional shields forged by too many social and psychic wars. But those traits also accounted for her determination to deal with her multiple sclerosis with courage and dignity. "Barbara Jordan's story reflects both the America dream and a fundamental human hope for a sense of community," Rogers writes. "If we understand her lessons, then we will know that the making of an American hero is a rare—and wondrous—event." -- Eugene Holley Jr. com Barbara Jordan spoke in the cadences of a black preacher, backed by the moral force of the United States Constitution, and became Texas's first black senator since the Reconstruction era. She served in Congress for two decades before dying of multiple sclerosis at the age of 59 in 1996. "Barbara Jordan was the first African American elected official to become an American hero," Mary Beth Rogers writes. "She broke through previously impenetrable barriers to become an 'inside' political player who was taken very seriously by the white politicians in power." The height of Jordan's power (and fame) came from her interpretation of the Constitution during the 1974 Watergate hearings, a speech that set the stage for President Richard Nixon's resignation. Two years later, Jordan riveted America with her televised keynote speech at the Democratic Party National Convention. Tracing Jordan's upbringing in Houston's Fifth Ward as the daughter of a Baptist minister, Rogers takes us through her battles with sexism and racism (including black Americans' internal color-based caste system). She also peels away the mysteries of her personality, which was described as "stubborn," "cold," and "sarcastic," the result of emotional shields forged by too many social and psychic wars. But those traits also accounted for her determination to deal with her multiple sclerosis with courage and dignity. "Barbara Jordan's story reflects both the America dream and a fundamental human hope for a sense of community," Rogers writes. "If we understand her lessons, then we will know

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