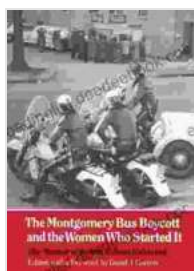


The Montgomery Bus Boycott: The Women Who Started It

The Montgomery Bus Boycott was a 13-month protest against the segregated bus system in Montgomery, Alabama. The boycott was started by Rosa Parks, who was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man. The boycott was led by Martin Luther King Jr., and it ended with the desegregation of the bus system.

The Montgomery Bus Boycott was a major turning point in the civil rights movement in the United States. It showed the power of nonviolent protest, and it helped to inspire the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Montgomery Bus Boycott was started by a group of women who were tired of being treated like second-class citizens. These women were led by Rosa Parks, who was a seamstress and a civil rights activist.



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Parks was arrested on December 1, 1955, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man. Her arrest sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which lasted for 381 days.

Other women who played a key role in the boycott included:

- **Jo Ann Robinson:** Robinson was a college professor and a civil rights activist. She was one of the organizers of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- **Mary Fair Burks:** Burks was a housewife and a civil rights activist. She was one of the leaders of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which was formed to support the boycott.
- **Dorothy Cotton:** Cotton was a young activist who worked with Martin Luther King Jr. She was one of the organizers of the Freedom Rides.

These women were all ordinary people who did extraordinary things. They stood up for what they believed in, and they helped to change the course of history.

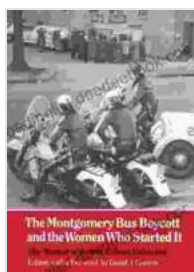
The Montgomery Bus Boycott was a nonviolent protest. The boycotters refused to ride the buses, and they walked or carpooled to work and school. The boycott was very effective. The bus company lost a lot of money, and the city of Montgomery was forced to desegregate the bus system.

The boycott was a success because of the hard work and dedication of the boycotters. They showed the world that nonviolent protest can be a powerful tool for social change.

The Montgomery Bus Boycott was a major victory for the civil rights movement. It showed the power of nonviolent protest, and it helped to inspire the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The boycott also left a lasting legacy in Montgomery. The city has been a center of the civil rights movement, and it is home to several important civil rights landmarks.

The Montgomery Bus Boycott is a reminder of the power of ordinary people to make a difference. It is a story of courage, determination, and hope.



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