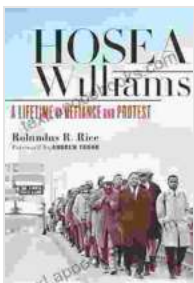


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Hosea Williams was a civil rights leader who dedicated his life to fighting for justice and equality. He was a close associate of Martin Luther King Jr. and played a key role in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Williams was known for his fiery rhetoric and his willingness to engage in nonviolent direct action to achieve his goals.



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Early Life and Career

Hosea Williams was born on January 31, 1926, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was the son of sharecroppers, and he grew up in poverty. Williams attended Morehouse College, where he studied sociology and religion. After graduating from Morehouse, Williams worked as a social worker and a minister.

In 1957, Williams joined the SCLC. He quickly became one of King's most trusted lieutenants. Williams was a key organizer of the Birmingham campaign in 1963, which was a major turning point in the civil rights movement. Williams was also a participant in the Selma-to-Montgomery march in 1965, which helped to secure passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Later Career and Legacy

After King's assassination in 1968, Williams became the national president of the SCLC. He continued to lead the organization for many years, and he remained a vocal advocate for civil rights and social justice.

Williams died on November 16, 2000. He was 74 years old. He is remembered as one of the most important civil rights leaders of the 20th century.

Williams's Legacy of Defiance and Protest

Hosea Williams was a fearless advocate for justice and equality. He was willing to risk his life to fight for what he believed in. Williams's legacy of defiance and protest continues to inspire activists today.

Here are some of Williams's most famous quotes:

- "I'm not afraid of anybody. I'm not afraid of the Ku Klux Klan. I'm not afraid of the police. I'm not afraid of the FBI. I'm not afraid of the CIA. I'm not afraid of the Mafia. I'm not afraid of the government. I'm not afraid of anybody."
- "We're not going to let them turn us around. We're not going to let them stop us. We're going to keep fighting until we win."

- "We're going to overcome, someday. We're going to overcome."

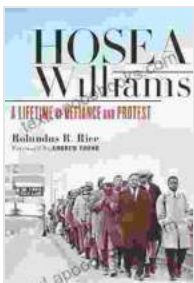
Williams's words are a reminder that we must never give up fighting for what we believe in. He showed us that even the smallest person can make a difference in the world.

Additional Resources

- The Hosea Williams Foundation
- SNCC Digital: Hosea Williams
- Civil Rights Movement Veterans: Hosea Williams

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* **Hosea Williams speaking at a rally:** Hosea Williams, civil rights leader, speaking at a rally. * **Hosea Williams marching with Martin Luther King Jr.:** Hosea Williams and Martin Luther King Jr. marching together during the civil rights movement. * **Hosea Williams leading a protest:** Hosea Williams leading a protest against racial injustice. * **Hosea Williams being arrested:** Hosea Williams being arrested for his civil rights activism.



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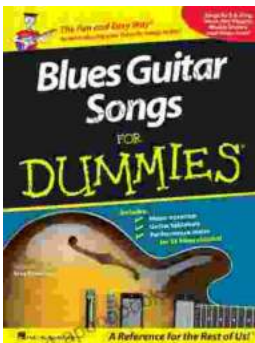
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