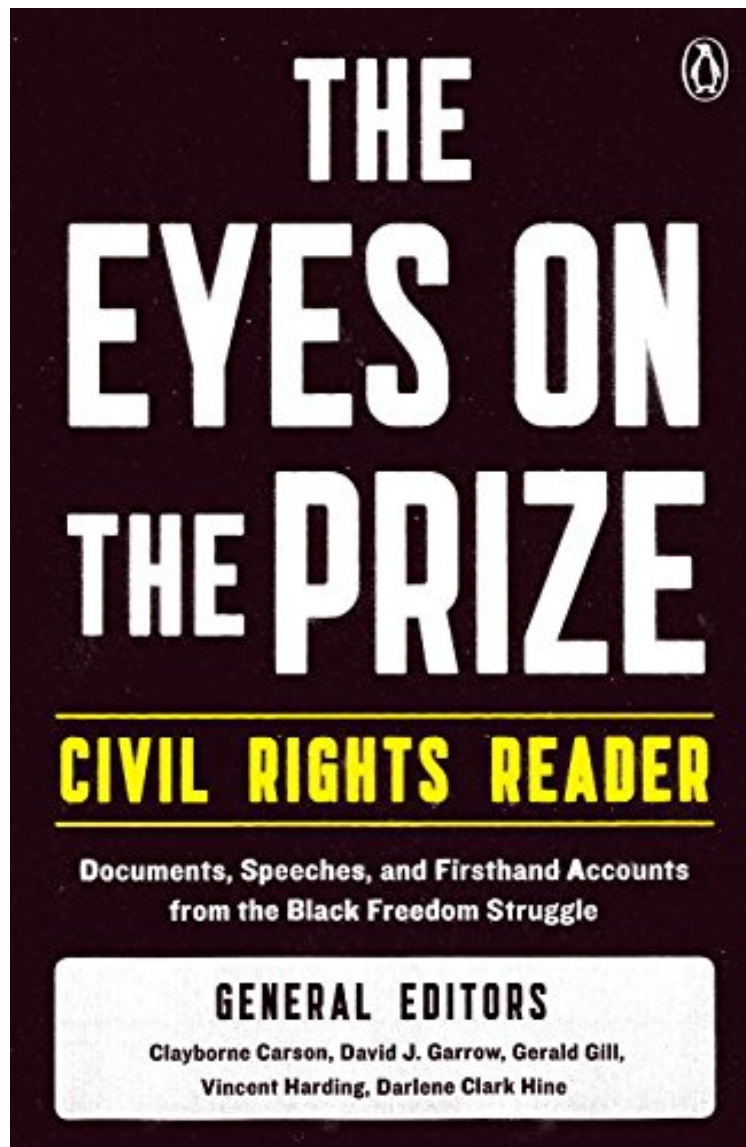


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The most comprehensive anthology of primary sources available, spanning the entire history of the American civil rights movement. A record of one of the greatest and most turbulent movements of this century, *The Eyes on the Prize Civil Rights Reader* is essential for anyone interested in learning how far the American civil rights movements has come and how far it has to go. Included are the Supreme Court's *Brown vs Board of Education* decision in its entirety; speeches by Martin Luther King, Jr., and his famous "Letter from Birmingham City Jail"; an interview with Rosa Parks; selections from Malcolm X Speaks; Black Panther Bobby Seale's *Seize the Time*; Ralph Abernathy's controversial *And the Walls Came Tumbling Down*; a piece by Herman Badillo on the infamous Attica prison uprising; addresses by Harold Washington, Jesse Jackson, Nelson Mandel, and much more. "An important volume for students and professionals who wish to grasp the basic nature of the civil rights movement and how it changed America in fundamental ways." —Aldon Morris, Northwestern University

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