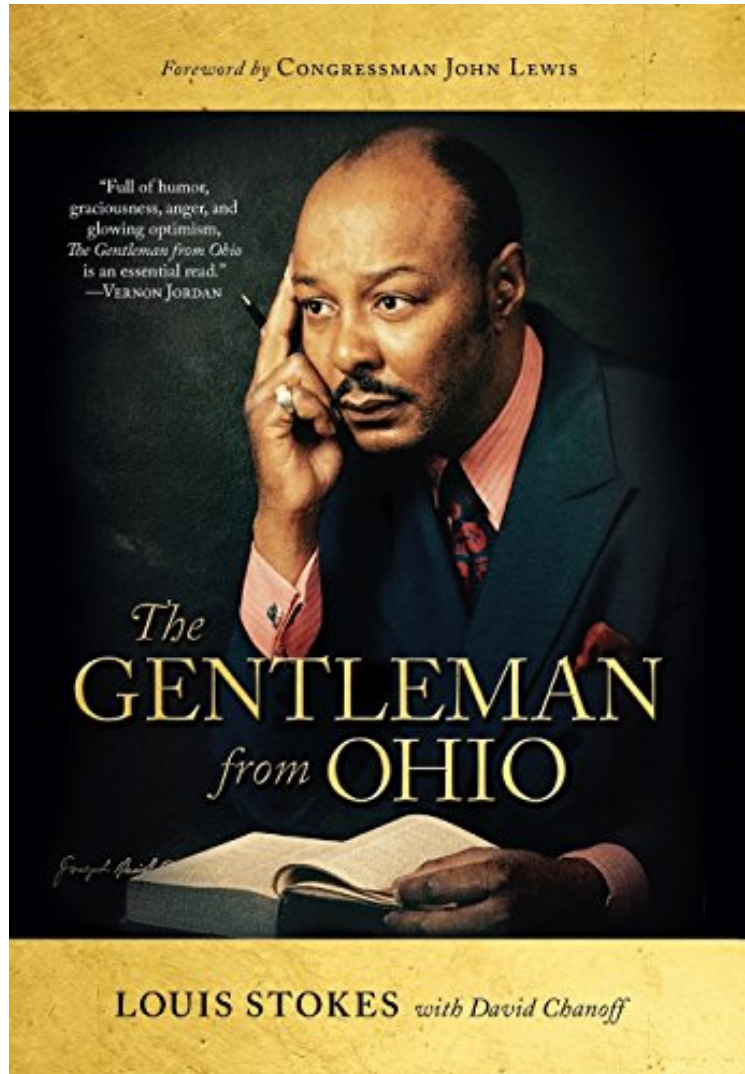


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balanced and fair perspective, Congressman Louis Stokes was the man that you wanted to undertake the assignment. For the reader who truly loves America, with all of its many assets, as well as its imperfections, this book will add greatly to your knowledge base and your literary collection. It is a must read.

Ray Miller (Ret.) State Senator
Publisher The Columbus African American

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By KENNETH C ROSATO I had the honor of meeting Congressman Stokes several times which made reading the story of his life all the more compelling. The Gentleman from Ohio is a wonderful read! This is a story that many can relate to. It details the rise of a poor young child with rags for clothes who grew to be a brilliant lawyer, 15-term U.S. Representative, superbly dressed, eloquent gentleman and loving family man whose legislation helped shape the nation we live in today. The story is truly inspiring and this book is wonderfully written -- you won't want to put it down.

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By Sonji A must read for everyone! This was an eye opener! I learned so much from this book and understood more about this government that I never knew before. It goes to show that you can achieve and become whatever you want to be by working hard and getting a solid education but if you are minority, it is not easy to take your proper place in society. You have to fight for your rights and always remain hopeful. However, his story made me feel sad in parts - Mr. Stokes wrote from the heart and told of the indignity and prejudism that still exists today. Minorities have to work twice as hard even when qualified and are denied their rights, even when right and most of the time we have no one to appeal to. This is happening today in the workplace even in Unions. I was shaken to my core, when I read that even Judges who are supposed to uphold the law and rule fairly can be racist. I felt sadness, frustration, anger, disbelief, hopelessness, hopefulness, victorious and promise. We may have come a far way, but we still have a long way to go.

Louis Stokes was a giant in Ohio politics and one of the most significant figures in the U.S. Congress in recent times. When he arrived in the House of Representatives as a freshman in 1969, there were only six African Americans serving. By the time he retired thirty years later, he had chaired the House Special Committee on the Kennedy and King assassinations, the House Ethics Committee during Abscam, and the House Intelligence Committee during Iran-Contra; he was also a senior member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. Prior to Louis Stokes's tenure in Congress he served for many years as a criminal defense lawyer and chairman of the Cleveland NAACP Legal Redress Committee. Among the Supreme Court Cases he argued, the Terry "Stop and Frisk" case is regarded as one of the twenty-five most significant cases in the court's history. The Gentleman from Ohio chronicles this and other momentous events in the life and legacy of Ohio's first black representative—a man who, whether in law or politics, continually fought for the principles he believed in and helped lead the way for African Americans in the world of mainstream American politics.

“Shortly before his death in 2015, Louis Stokes finished his autobiography, *The Gentleman from Ohio*. With this book, he bestows his last gift to the American public with this remarkable chronicle of his rise from poverty in Cleveland to the halls of power in Washington, DC, as the first black congressman from Ohio.” —Henry Louis Gates Jr.