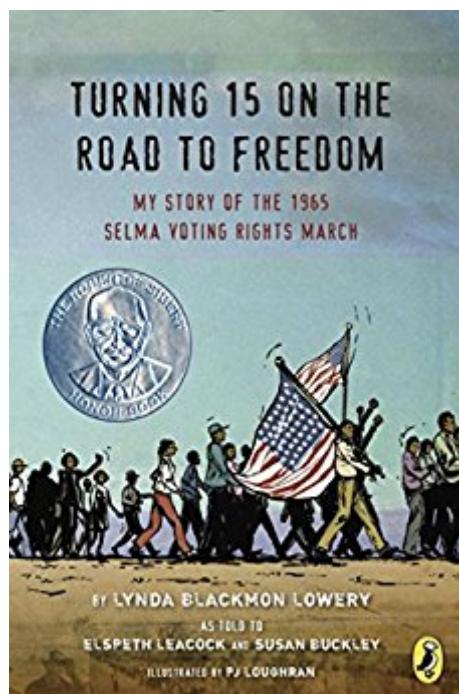


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# Turning 15 On The Road To Freedom: My Story Of The 1965 Selma Voting Rights March



## **Synopsis**

A memoir of the Civil Rights Movement from one of its youngest heroes A Sibert Informational Book Medal Honor BookKirkus® Best Books of 2015Booklist® Editors' Choice 2015BCCB® Blue Ribbon 2015As the youngest marcher in the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, Lynda Blackmon Lowery proved that young adults can be heroes. Jailed nine times before her fifteenth birthday, Lowery fought alongside Martin Luther King, Jr. for the rights of African-Americans. In this memoir, she shows today's young readers what it means to fight nonviolently (even when the police are using violence, as in the Bloody Sunday protest) and how it felt to be part of changing American history. Straightforward and inspiring, this beautifully illustrated memoir brings readers into the middle of the Civil Rights Movement, complementing Common Core classroom learning and bringing history alive for young readers.From the Hardcover edition.

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This memoir follows the author during her years as a young adult who marched for civil rights. There

were many moments of hard-to-read brutality against the author and those who marched with her, yet her energy, bravery, and strong belief system shined throughout the book. Before reading this, I only read third-person accounts, so I appreciated reading the point of view of someone who lived through this era. This is a historical must-read.

From its provocative first sentence -- "By the time I was fifteen years old, I had been in jail nine times," to its powerful conclusion, this book allows young readers to feel what it was like to be part of the Civil Rights movement. It also takes the reader inside the close-knit community of African American families in Selma and shows how pastors, parents, teachers and children all had roles to play in making the case for freedom and the right to vote. The combination of documentary photographs and illustrations also serves to bring the reader into the action. It's a fascinating read and a great way to engage young people with the roles that ordinary people play in great events and movements.

An amazingly clear story of what it was like during this incredible time in the United States history. The realities of the dangers these young people faced and the support they had from different sources is amazing as well as their strength and desire to overcome racism and prejudice. Kids will relate to the characters and their tales to help change the country. The graphics keep the story light and attainable for all readers. This is the type of book that will leave readers wanting to learn more.

This is my husband's aunt (mom's sister) and I was excited to receive the book on its release date! I read the book already and are taking to Auntie to get personally signed. Thanks!

this is an extraordinary memoir and a must-read for everyone, especially 4th grade and up. Lynda Blackmon Lowery is an incredible inspiration and manages to connect her fifteen year old self to the reader. It's so personal. I know that her words will resonate as we move forward in this time of uncertainty where civil rights and human rights are being challenged daily.

Great book on teaching AA history.

I'm using this book in class with my adult ESL students. They are finding it horrifying and fascinating and most of them were not aware of any of this history. The book has provoked many interesting class discussions. It works well to show clips from the movie Selma. I highly recommend this book.

It was a fabulous story of a courageous young girl. I think this should be required reading for young people middle school and high school. I do not understand why her story is not more widely known. Her story clearly illustrates the Selma movement was a kids' movement. I wonder if Oprah Winfrey read Lynda Blackmon Lowery's story.

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