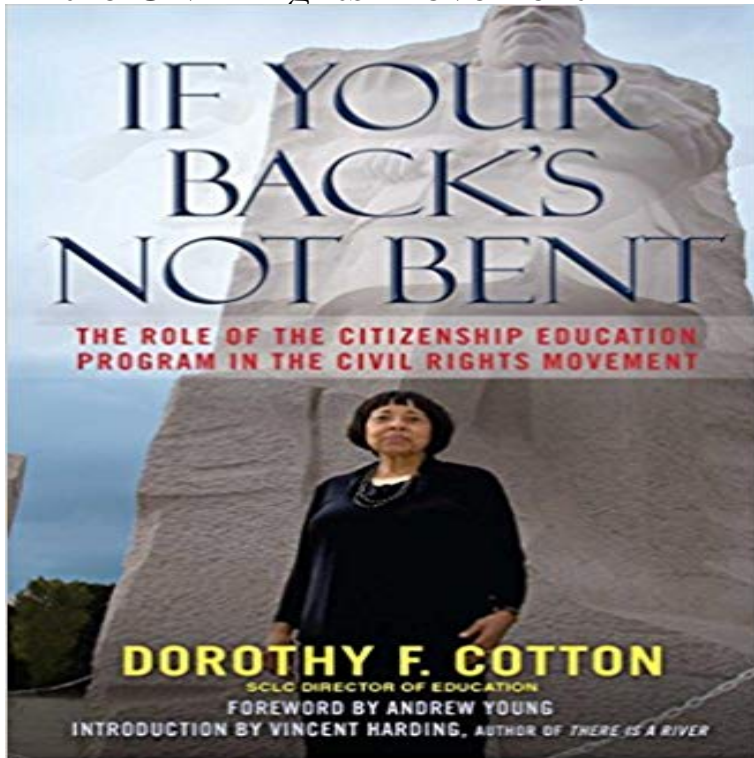


# If Your Backs Not Bent: The Role of the Citizenship Education Program in the Civil Rights Movement



An unsung hero of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s inner circle reveals the true story behind the Citizenship Education Program, a little-known training program for disenfranchised citizens reflecting on its huge importance to the civil rights movement of the 1960s and explaining its indisputable relevance to our nation today. Nobody can ride your back if your backs not bent, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., famously proclaimed at the end of a Citizenship Education Program (CEP), an adult grassroots training program born of the work of the Tennessee Highlander Folk School, expanded by Kings Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and directed by activist Dorothy Cotton. This program, called the best-kept secret of the twentieth-century's civil rights movement, was critical in preparing legions of disenfranchised citizens across the South to work with existing systems of local government to gain access to resources they were entitled to and to demonstrate peaceably against injustice, even in the face of violence and hatred. For the first time, Cotton, the only woman in Kings inner circle, offers her account of this important project, which the media, focused at the time on marches and demonstrations, largely ignored. Cotton reveals the significant accomplishments and the drama of the CEP training and describes how the program transformed its participants, inspiring them, in turn, to transform their communities, and ultimately the country as a whole, into a place of greater freedom and justice for all. A timely account of fighting inequality, *If Your Backs Not Bent* shows how CEP was key to the civil rights movements success and how the lessons of the program can serve our troubled democracy now.

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