

ROSA PARKS: SELECTED WEB SITES AND RESOURCES

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Rosa Louise McCauley Parks at the age of 42 becomes heroic for taking a definitive stance against the Jim Crow laws of the south—not to vacate her seat to accommodate white passengers boarding a segregated Montgomery, Alabama city bus. This milestone in the history of the United States, the event (including her decision, her resolve, her arrest, the 381-day bus boycott challenging the city public transportation ordinance) and her previous and subsequent work advancing civil rights in the U.S. and the world are virtually absent from critical academic discourse.

Treatises on the impact to the country's affairs of Parks' singular and 'aberrant' conduct from the disciplines of Business Education, Criminal Justice, Psychology, History, Political Science/Government (e.g., civil disobedience), and Philosophy (e.g. wisdom, judgement) are incredibly missing from the record. The academy seems derelict to ignore opportunities for more scholarship on the subject of Rosa Parks. Numerous children's books, biographical articles and film chronologies (biographical and documentary) exist.

Rosa Parks is the 'mother' of a great social movement and in death receives continued praise and tribute for the beginnings she generated. Perhaps the occasion of her death becomes the motivation for closer examination of and inquiry into a significant moment in time. The list that follows captures a glimpse of the accessible resources about a remarkable woman.

LINKS TO WEB SITES

<http://www.aadl.org/node/822>, Ann Arbor District Library (AADL); list 27 titles about Rosa Parks

http://afroamhistory.about.com/od/rosaparks/p/bio_parks_r.htm

<http://blackvoices.aol.com/b>, site for African-American culture and community

<http://www.e-portals.org/Parks/> includes many links

http://www.freep.com/news/metro/parksobit25e_20051025.htm, her hometown (Detroit)

newspaper's good-bye

http://www.gale.com/free_resources/bhm/bio/parks_r.htm, recognized publisher of

reference works

<http://montgomery.troy.edu/museum/>, site for the museum dedicated to Parks

http://womenshistory.about.com/od/parksrosa/p/rosa_parks.htm

<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/frontpage>

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/remember/parks/biography.html>, includes biography, chronology, interviews, and links about Rosa Parks

See also 'Images' tabs on search engines AltaVista, Yahoo, Google....

SOME ONLINE FULL TEXT ARTICLES (by journal title)

1998 *Journal of American Studies* vol.32 pp. 529. Historical dictionary of the Civil Rights Movement/ John White

1993 *Language Arts* vol. 70, no. 3, p. 216. African American literature - Rosa Parks, My Story by Rosa P

1997 *The Reading Teacher* vol. 51, no. 3, p. 244. Dear Mrs. Parks: a dialogue with today's youth/ Gwen Taylor

1998 *The Reading Teacher* vol. 51, no. 8, p. 689. Portraits /Evelyn B. Freeman by Melissa Clarke

2000 *Philosophy Today* vol. 44, p. 160. Rosa Parks' performativity, habitus, and ability to play the game/ Melissa Clarke

2004 *Theological Studies* vol. 65, no. 4, p. 838. Remembering Rosa Parks: recognizing a contemporary prophetic act

2001 Voices for freedom by Nancy J. Johnson

SOME BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY'S MAIN COLLECTION (descending dates)

2002 African-American century: how black Americans have shaped our country / Henry Louis Gate, Jr. and Cornel West. (on order)

2001 Sisters in the struggle: African American women in the civil rights-blackpower movement / edited by Bettye Collier-Thomas and V. P. Franklin. E 185.61 S615 2001

2000 Rosa Parks / Douglas Brinkley. F334 M753 P373 2000

1992 Rosa Parks: my story/ by Rosa Parks, with Jim Haskins. F334 M753 P37 1992

1968 Black profiles / by George R. Metcalf. 920.073 M565b

(The library has many titles in the Curriculum Materials Center—the CMC—and a video recording in both the CMC and the Audiovisual Department)

