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Ain't Nobody Gonna Turn Me 'Round by Kathlyn Kirkwood



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

This brilliant memoir-in-verse tells the moving story of how a nation learned to celebrate a hero. Through years of protests and petition, Kathlyn's story highlights the foot soldiers who fought to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday.

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round is a deeply moving middle grade memoir about what it means to be an everyday activist and foot soldier for racial justice, as Kathlyn recounts how, drawn to activism from childhood, she went from attending protests as a teenager to fighting for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday to become a national holiday as an adult. A blueprint for kids starting down their own paths to civic awareness, it shows life beyond protests and details the sustained time, passion, and energy it takes to turn an idea into a law. Deftly weaving together monumental historical events with a heartfelt coming-of-age story and in-depth information on law making, Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round is the perfect engaging example of how history can help inform the present.

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Who Wrote It?

Author | Educator | Activist

Kathlyn was born in Memphis, Tennessee, the birthplace of the Blues and the best finger-lickin', toe tappin' barbecue in the world. When she was born, segregation was the law in the South. In her family, education was very important and so she started in parochial school, then attended public school beginning in the sixth grade. High school is where she learned the art of communicating with people from all walks of life. After completing my BS and MS at Memphis State, Kathlyn settled down in Buffalo, NY.



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I want to read this book: YES / NO

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