

# A Personal Struggle for Equality

*My parents said deep roots make strong trees . . .  
Negroes did things in the North that they would  
never think of doing in the South.*

Racism. Segregation. Survival. Growing up in the 1930s and '40s in Dallas, Texas, Njoki McElroy overcame the odds to rise to the top academically, spiritually, and emotionally. At sixteen, she left a sheltered childhood for a protected existence at Xavier University in New Orleans. So much protection left her unprepared to later confront the vice and discrimination of Chicago.

She embraced her challenges with grace, however, finding love, enjoying family, and earning a post-graduate degree. Njoki's memoir is a moving reflection of perseverance, family devotion, and cultural and historical ties that will make you pause to appreciate your own family roots and cherish your own personal freedoms.



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