



Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March

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Book Description

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This award-winning memoir provides a first-person account by Lynda Blackmon Lowery, the youngest marcher in the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. She was jailed nine times before her fifteenth birthday and marched alongside Martin Luther King Jr., showing just how courageous young people can be. The illustrations give the text a graphic-novel feel. The concluding chapter explains the fight for voting rights and contains short biographies of those who died fighting for the cause.

Discussion Questions

- This book includes a comprehensive discussion guide with supplemental materials and questions.

Utah and National Connections

The First Amendment guarantees the right of assembly and peaceful protest. Many Utahns and individuals in other states continue to march and peacefully protest for various causes in their local, state, and national communities.



Sarah Bard Field addresses women on the steps of the Utah State Capitol during a national suffrage campaign on Oct. 4, 1915. Emmeline B. Wells stands behind Field. Courtesy of Utah State Historical Society