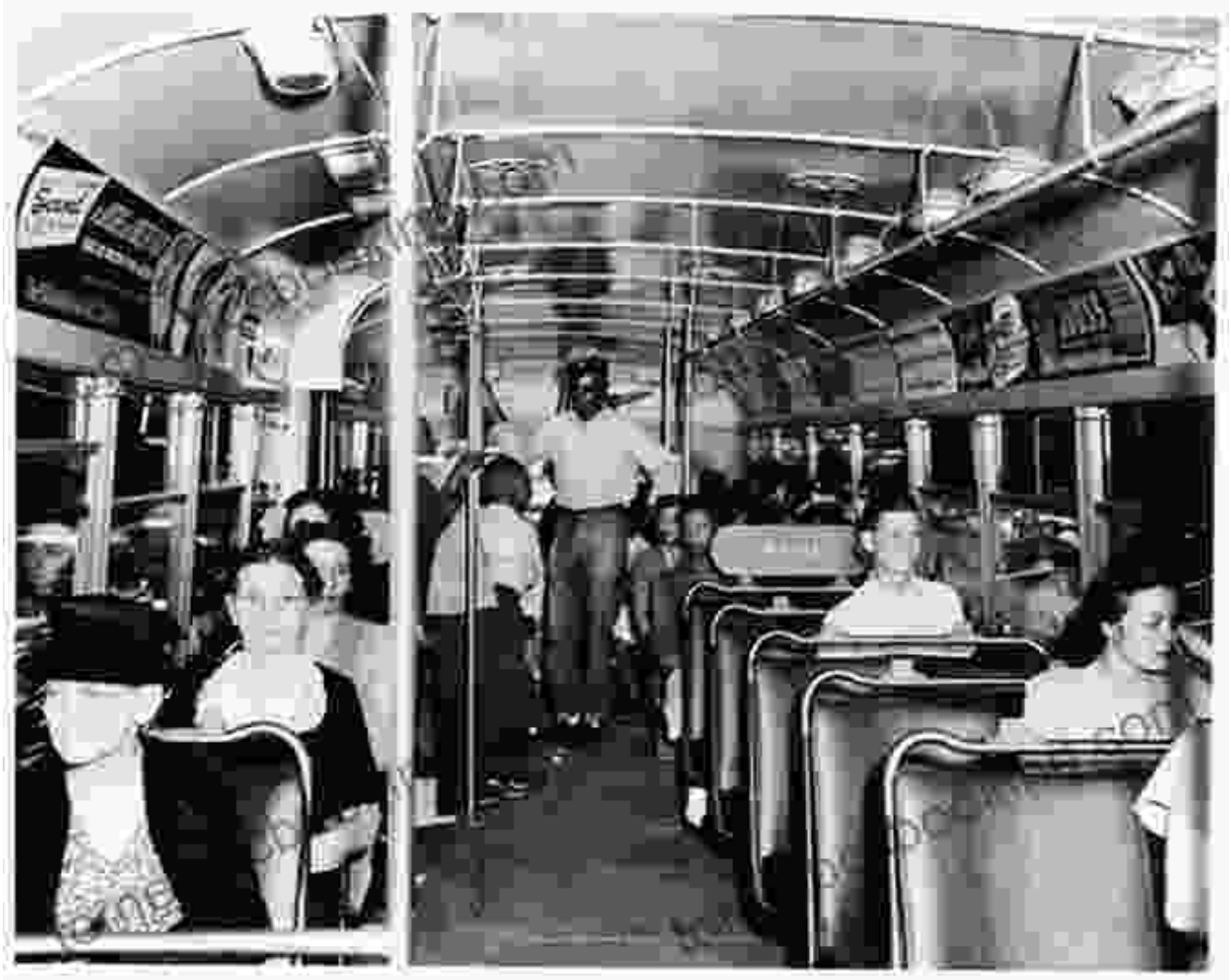
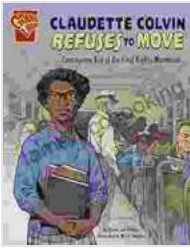


# Claudette Colvin: A Young Woman Who Stood Up for Justice



Claudette Colvin was a young African American woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955. Her act of defiance helped to spark the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which led to the desegregation of public transportation in the city.

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In 1955, Colvin was 15 years old and a student at Booker T. Washington High School. On March 2, 1955, she was riding home from school on a bus when a white man entered the bus and asked her to give up her seat. Colvin refused, and she was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Colvin was convicted of disorderly conduct and fined \$100. She appealed her conviction, but the Alabama Supreme Court upheld the lower court's decision.

Despite the fact that her conviction was upheld, Colvin's actions helped to inspire the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The boycott began on December 5, 1955, when Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man. The boycott lasted for over a year, and it helped to desegregate public transportation in Montgomery.

After the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Colvin continued to fight for civil rights. She worked with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

(SNCC), and she helped to organize voter registration drives in the South.

In 1965, Colvin moved to New York City. She worked in the welfare system for many years, and she retired in 2004.

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## **Early Life and Education**

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Despite the challenges she faced, Colvin was a bright and ambitious student. She was a member of the National Honor Society, and she was on the debate team. She also participated in the school's drama club.

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## **The Montgomery Bus Boycott**

On March 2, 1955, Colvin was riding home from school on a bus when a white man entered the bus and asked her to give up her seat. Colvin refused, and she was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Colvin's arrest sparked outrage in the African American community in Montgomery. The NAACP Youth Council organized a boycott of the city's buses, and the Montgomery Bus Boycott began.

The boycott lasted for over a year, and it helped to desegregate public transportation in Montgomery. The boycott also helped to raise awareness of the civil rights movement, and it inspired other protests across the country.

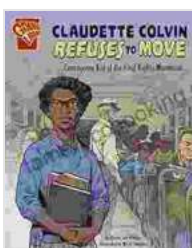
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Colvin's legacy is one of courage, determination, and perseverance. She is an inspiration to all who fight for justice and equality.



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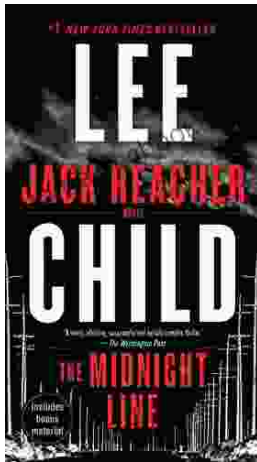
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