



*"The only tired I was,
was tired of giving in."*

—ROSA PARKS



Rosa's police photo, taken in 1956



Rosa after bus segregation was outlawed (1956)



A typical segregated classroom when Rosa was young



Timeline

FEBRUARY 4, 1913

Born in Tuskegee, Alabama

1943

Kicked off a bus for entering through the front door

DECEMBER 1943

Became secretary of the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP

DECEMBER 1, 1955

Arrested for refusing to give up her seat on the bus

DECEMBER 4, 1955

Montgomery Bus Boycott announced

DECEMBER 17, 1956

U.S. Supreme Court rules that bus segregation is unconstitutional

1979

Received the Spingarn Medal, the NAACP's highest honor

1992

Published her autobiography, *Rosa Parks: My Story*

1999

Received the Congressional Gold Medal

OCTOBER 24, 2005

Died at age 92 in Detroit, Michigan

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*In memory of
Dotty Rubin,
my Nanny and Grandmother,
who loved her family,
loved her politics,
and always fought for the right side*

—B.M.

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*For my mother, Sandy,
who taught me to treat everyone equally
and gave me my love of history*

—C.E.

For historical accuracy, we tried to use Rosa's and the bus driver's actual dialogue. For more of Rosa's true voice, we recommend and acknowledge the autobiography *Rosa Parks: My Story* (see below).

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