

OPEN WIDE THE

FREEDOM GATES

A Memoir

DOROTHY HEIGHT

WITH A FOREWORD BY MAYA ANGELOU

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Carroll Cosley
started the book

Jolly Times - singing
group in High School
Peggy Lee

Hannibury PA speech
couldn't stay at do hotel
I won state in speech - told
story of hotel in my speech
outgrew to achieve
Asst. Gen.

Sarah Hayes -
can't turn down the hill
you are a nigger

N9V - grad in
1932

Shanglit A.
Soronetic -

Wills Brothers -
Linn next door
in Hankins
pressed Eddie Cantor's
shirts

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D. Richmond Mar 24, 1912 @ 4 moved to Rankin, PA.

grad high school 1929

Elks contest for College scholarship -

I won PA. but John Thornton claimed he won

I was declared winner - won the national

accepted at Barnard but only would accept a quota of 2 Negroes.

Went NYU - then to Columbia - thought I wanted to be Doctor

Brooklyn Community Center - Rev. Scott's asst.

\$20 a month

Went to work Home Relief Bureau \$27.50 a week - N.Y. Welfare Office

Black women have best voting record of anyone including white men

In July 1955 - guest - first black lecturer at Ole Miss - 1st to stay at Ole Miss Faculty Club p. 180

1977 - returned on national staff of YWCA

met Mary McLeod Bethune in 1937 - died in 55'

elected pres. of NCNW (we had 2 full time one part time workers)

went to Selma in 63'

Wynell Wheatley YWCA

Group Slave Market (white working for YWCA - 1937)

Nov 7, 1937 - 1st day I met Mary Mc Bethune - escorted Mrs.

Roosevelt

founded Bethune Cookman in Daytona B.

In 1935 created National Council of Negro Women 5'6"

Marian Anderson - DAR

Bethune meeting with Mrs. Roosevelt - How did you

become such a wonderful person? p 90

I'm married to a wonderful man.

met Prumped into Georgia Turner at Mrs. R. Memorial S.

1962 - p 93

worked for Mrs. Roosevelt

Lakeside, Ohio conf.
"To this day I look for the Union Label"

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Oxford - selected to go when I was 25

3 blacks in 10 person delegation
Dr. Furdick of Riverside Church \$100 Riverside Church
Adam Powell Sr. collected \$200

There's the "Black Madonna"

I could never be a Communist just went to
a lot of Communist youth meetings

I lived in Harlem - poverty everywhere
R. Philip Randolph

1936 Adam Powell, Jr. - Harlem Norway 125th St

Slogan "Don't Buy Where you can't work"

we marched Symphony Sain & Records - hit
a negro

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National Council of Negro Women
4 million

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Building dedicated

633 Penn Ave 8 million from 20 million

Ford / GM / Chrysler / Sears. Norman Lear

The million man march

met MLK at movie home
knew Malcolm X

Phillip Randolph's idea for march on WASH.

* Militant was effective p152

Harlem - walked streets with Adam Powell, Jr. in 1935 140

Jan 41' - Terrible accident - coming back to WASH
from a speech in New York - broken leg - cheek ^{bone} gone
67 stitches flattened nose

hospital for 89 days

Mrs. Roosevelt visits calls me Miss Heigh -
Nurses called me Dorothy

* Political parties Dem vs Rep p269

Fannie Lou Hammer

Adam Powell, Sr.

" " Jr.

MLK.

A Phillip Randolph

WEB Du Bois

Roy Wilkins

Mahalia Jackson

Louis Farabee

Malcolm X

Stokely

Whitney Young

The Slubb Brothers

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