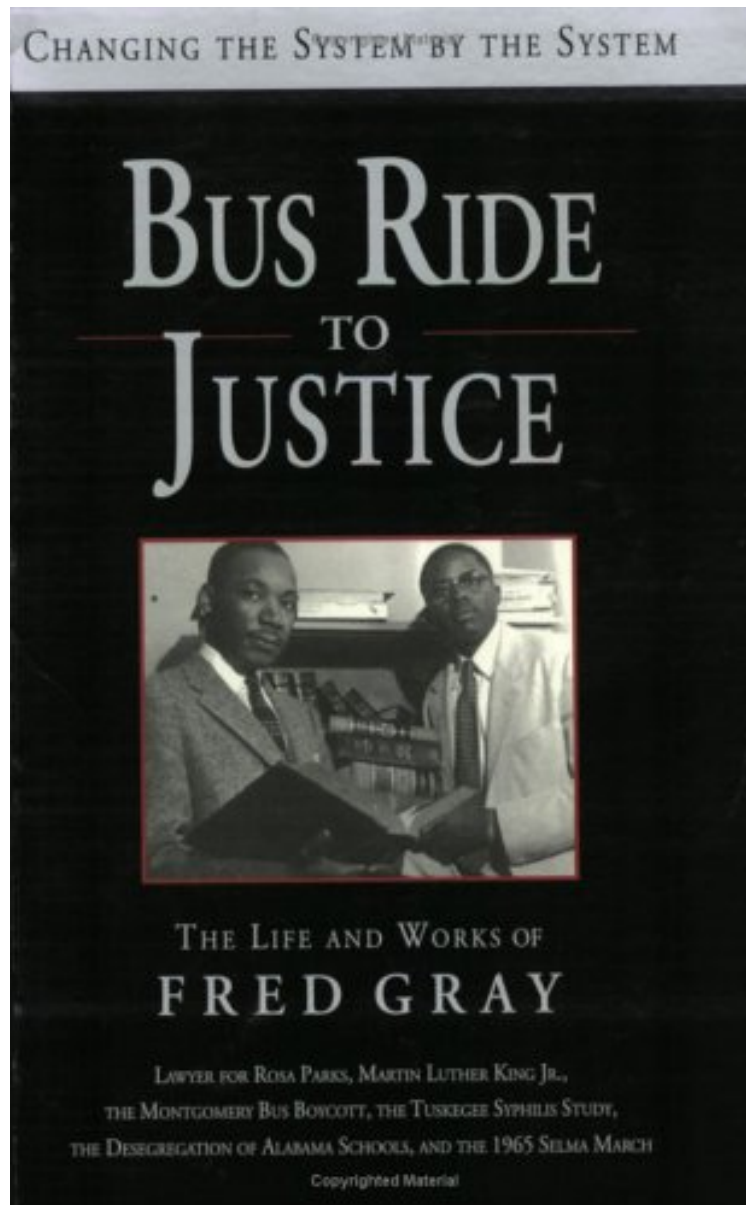


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Fred Gray : Bus Ride to Justice: The Life and Works of Fred Gray before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bus Ride to Justice: The Life and Works of Fred Gray:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great insight into the actions that changed the southBy Lynn HenleyFred Gray was the lead attorney for many of the cases that changed the south in the 1950's and 1960's. He has

represented many of the leaders of that time, including Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The Architect of the Montgomery Bus Boycott By eBookreader Attorney Fred Gray tells the story behind the story of the arrest of Rosa Parks and the organization and planning of the Montgomery Bus Boycott that sparked what Gray refers to as the "human rights tidal wave" that eventually washed up on the shores of nations around the world. In his pleasant anecdotal style, Dr. Gray, relates details of his legal representation of Rosa Parks and of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The book documents how Gray, preferring to work through the legal system in pursuit of his life-long goal of destroying everything segregated he could find, won landmark case after case that paved the way for those who carried the banner of the movement in the public eye. One of the most remarkable things about the book is the account of Gray's creation of the Montgomery Improvement Association through which to implement the boycott. On the night of Rosa Park's arrest, Gray had a late night meeting with Professor Jo Ann Robinson in which they "outlined a strategy for action" and began making preparations for the protest. It was during that meeting that Professor Robinson suggested that her new pastor, Martin King, would be the best man to lead the new association. In addition to documenting the events that transpired in Montgomery during the birth of the Civil Rights Movement, the volume provides autobiographical sketches of the author's private and public life, including his relationship with figures of national prominence in American politics and jurisprudence. I highly recommend Bus Ride To Justice to anyone interested in witnessing the birth of the Civil Rights Movement through the eyes of one of its first participant observers. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is an amazing book that follows the journey of civil rights in ... By Shirley A. Aaron This is an amazing book that follows the journey of civil rights in Alabama. Fred Grey, a well-known civil rights attorney, especially among attorneys, led the way for some of the most historical events in Alabama. He filed one of the most historical civil law suits to influence desegregation in the entire United States. It's known as Lee vs. Macon County Board of Education. If you're not familiar with Lee vs. Macon, I suggest you Google it. Few people know that Grey was behind the scenes for Martin Luther King, Jr. and others. He and Judge Frank Johnson used the legal system to bring about desegregation in schools, public transportation, and voting rights in Alabama. Grey stills maintains and practices law in Tuskegee and Montgomery, Alabama. He's a quiet man outside the court room. He's compassionate, intelligent, tough, and he doesn't run from injustice, regardless of what costume it wears or regardless of who's wearing it. Many of us white Southerners are thankful for the work that he's done throughout the years in his fight for human rights and dignity. I cannot understand why a movie hasn't been made of his life. It would be a great historical movie.

Fred Gray grew up in Montgomery, Alabama, and had to leave the state to finish his education because blacks could not then attend Alabama law schools. He returned to his hometown in 1954 and became one of two black lawyers in the city. He was, he writes, "determined to destroy everything segregated that I could find." He did not have to wait long. When his friend Rosa Parks was arrested in 1955 for violating the segregated seating ordinance on a Montgomery bus, 26-year-old Martin Luther King, Jr., was chosen to lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and 24-year-old Fred Gray became his and the movement's lawyer. Gray's legal victory in the federal courts ended the boycott 381 days later. Over the four decades since, Gray has won scores of civil rights cases in education, voting rights, transportation, health, and other areas. He represented the Freedom Riders, the Selma-to-Montgomery marchers, the victims of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, and many more. Bus Ride to Justice is the exciting story of a courageous life in the courtrooms of America and in the pulpits of churches where Fred Gray began as a child preacher and continues today, and of a strong human being filled with love and admiration for his fellow man.