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Rigoberta Menchu: Defending Human Rights In Guatemala (Women Changing The World)



Synopsis

Rigoberta MenchÃfÃº was born into a remote and impoverished corner of Guatemala where her people, the Quiche-Mayan, suffered as second-class citizens and where few children, particularly girls, went to school. Working as a coffee-picker and later as a maid, she educated herself and learned Spanish, the language of her oppressors, in order to lead her people in a fight for their land and their rights. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 and the Prince of Asturias Award in 1998.

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Customer Reviews

I was very impressed by the life of Rigoberta Menchu. Her story is told with great depth of feeling but completely without sentimentality. There is background given on the Mayan culture which I found very interesting, that made her struggle so much more meaningful. This is really a great book for middle school ages to learn about current issues in Latin America, and about indigenous struggles.

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