

Unbought and Unbossed

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Synopsis

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In this classic work—a blend of memoir, social criticism, and political analysis that remains relevant today—the first Black Congresswoman to serve in American history, New York’s dynamic representative Shirley Chisholm, traces her extensive political struggle and examines the problems that have long plagued the American system of government.

“Shirley Chisholm created a path for me and for so many others. Today, I’m thinking about her inspirational words: ‘I am, and always will be a catalyst for change.’” Kamala Harris

“A tremendously impressive book.” *Washington Post*

“I want to be remembered as a woman . . . who dared to be a catalyst of change.” *Political pioneer Shirley Chisholm—activist, member of the House of Representatives, and former presidential candidate—was a woman who consistently broke barriers and inspired generations of American women, and especially women of color. *Unbought and Unbossed* is her story, told in her own words—a thoughtful and informed look at her rise from the streets of Brooklyn to the halls of Congress. Chisholm speaks out on her life in politics while illuminating the events, personalities, and issues of her time, including the schism in the Democratic party in the 1960s and ’70s—all of which speak to us today.*

In this frank assessment, **“Fighting Shirley”** recalls how she took on an entrenched system, gave a public voice to millions, and embarked on a trailblazing bid to be the first woman and first African American President of the United States. By daring to be herself, Shirley Chisholm shows how one person forever changed the status quo.

“What [Chisholm] did was so pioneering. . . . She embraced what made her different and used it as her superpower.” Regina King

“Her motto and title of her autobiography—*Unbought and Unbossed*—illustrates her outspoken advocacy

for women and minorities during her seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.â€•
â€”National Womenâ€™s History Museum</p>

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