



LOCKED UP FOR FREEDOM

CIVIL RIGHTS PROTESTERS AT THE LEESBURG STOCKADE

Description

In 1963, more than 30 African-American girls ages 11 to 16 were arrested for taking part in Civil Rights protests in Americus, Georgia. They were taken without their families' knowledge to a Civil War–era stockade in Leesburg, Georgia, where they were confined in unsanitary conditions and exposed to brutal treatment. Over the following weeks, their commitment to the fight for equality was put to the test. Combining historical research and personal interviews with several of the girls, Heather E. Schwartz brings this true story of the Civil Rights Movement to life.

Critical Acclaim

- Cybils Finalist, **Nominated, 2018**
- NCSS/CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People, **Winner, 2018**
- Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year, **Winner, 2018**
- Jefferson Cup Honor Book, **Winner, 2018**
- Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Books, **Winner, 2017**
- New York Public Library Best Books for Kids, **Winner, 2017**
- VOYA Nonfiction Honor List, **Winner, 2017**

“[E]ngag[es] readers in a physically uncomfortable yet vitally important topic. . . . The miscarriage of justice against more than 30 young girls from Americus, Ga., during the civil rights movement comes to light in words and pictures that will infuriate and inspire young readers.”—*Shelf Awareness*

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“A story that needs to be told. The solid research and concise narrative make it a fine addition to most student-centered collections.”—*School Library Journal*

“A fresh, insightful look at the crucial role young people played in the civil rights movement . . .”—*Kirkus Reviews*

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