

## REVIEW ARTICLE

### ANNE MOODY AND THE MISSISSIPPI LIFE: A TALE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA

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This study argues that the strong personal voice of Anne Moody in *Coming of Age in Mississippi* is one that deserves multiple hearings. The paper alludes to Bruce Watson's commentary on the Movement and the general search for a peaceful resolution to racial conflict, and concludes that, among memoirs of this time, Moody's is unique.

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#### BIOGRAPHY OF ANNE MOODY

Anne Moody (1940-2015) was a young Black activist in the Civil Rights Movement in the early to mid-1960s who was noted for her personal courage and tenacity. Born in Mississippi in the 1940s and raised in a sharecropping environment, she quickly became disillusioned with what she saw around her. Moving forward from the lynching of Emmett Till, which occurred in the summer of 1955 in Money, Mississippi, Anne began to take an interest in making change as early as junior high school and high school.

One of the few young Black women to be able to go to college in her generation, she attended Tougaloo College on an athletic scholarship and there came to know the white Civil Rights workers Ed King and Joan Trumpauer. Anne participated in sit-ins, voter registration drives, and desegregation efforts at lunch counters and in bus stations. During the very important 1962-63 demonstrations that ultimately caught the attention of the nation and led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Anne participated in a sit-in at a Woolworth's lunch counter that

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