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This is the gripping story of the civil rights movement in Jackson, Mississippi, told by one of its foremost activists, John R. Salter Jr. In 1961 Salter, then a teacher at Tougaloo Southern Christian College, the private and almost entirely African American school just north of the state capital, became the adult advisor of the North Jackson NAACP Youth Council, a post that for lifelong activist Salter blossomed into impassioned involvement in the Jackson movement.

The struggle for civil rights featured some of the bloodiest resistance by a panoply of repressive resources: lawmen, hoodlums, politicians, and vigilantes but also introduced Salter to the movement's most compelling and important figures, including NAACP field secretary Medgar Evers. *Jackson, Mississippi* tells the riveting story of their campaigns to abolish Jim Crow, including a committed and courageous economic boycott of Jackson that was instrumental in the desegregation of the capital's business district. A fierce and passionate retelling of frontline stories from a cultural revolution, *Jackson, Mississippi* is a vivid snapshot of the Deep South in the 1960s and a testament to the brilliant, dangerous, and historic actions of the civil rights activists there.

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