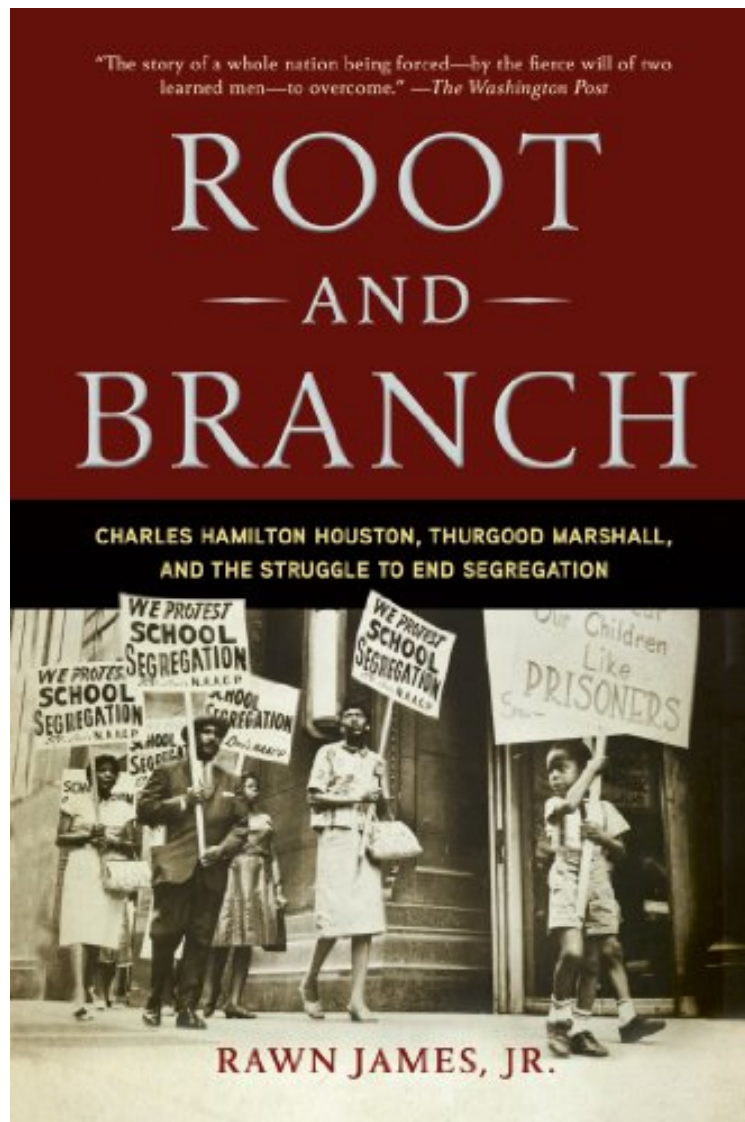


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meticulously researched and beautifully written. Rawn James, Jr.'s book is a significant contribution to the understanding of the evolution of civil rights and education in America. The subject, *The Struggle to End Segregation*, is as relevant and important today as it was in the 1960s. Root and Branch emphasizes the central role education plays in a successful democracy and the future of America by exploring a time when equal education was considered dangerous. Thurgood Marshall and Charles Houston knew the importance of education and therefore their lives were in danger. Because *Root and Branch* is written in clear, lively prose, and draws in its reader from dramatic events and compelling stories of people involved in the civil rights movement, from legal visionaries Thurgood Marshall and Charles Houston to the young African American school girls who were not interested in a movement but simply craved a decent education, it is both inspiring and entertaining. As a bonus, *Root and Branch* features some particularly fine writing. Mr. James accomplishes the seemingly impossible task of making two lawyers and the legal system into an entertaining and, dare I say, EXCITING read. *Root and Branch* is so compelling that the reader wants to stand up and cheer at the end of a number of chapters. It is a fast read, historically enlightening and what I would term a suspense-thriller. I highly recommend it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Charles Hamilton Houston was a powerhouse. By L.J. Charles Hamilton Houston doesn't get the attention that his student, Thurgood Marshall gets and that is probably because of Mr. Hamilton's passing. He was an extraordinary man who carved the legal path for civil rights in the mid-twentieth century, with outcomes that have been for the betterment of this country ever since. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book will make you understand the struggle leaders endure ... By Janice L. Burton This book will make you understand the struggle leaders endure to force change for the betterment of society. So proud of these men who earned law degrees in the late 1890's -1920's.

Although widely viewed as the beginning of the legal struggle to end segregation, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision *Brown v. Board of Education* was in fact the culmination of decades of court challenges led by a band of lawyers intent on dismantling Jim Crow one statute at a time. Charles Hamilton Houston laid the groundwork, reinventing the law school at Howard University (where he taught a young, brash Thurgood Marshall) and becoming special counsel to the NAACP. Later, Houston and Marshall traveled through the South, often at great personal risk, chipping away, case by case, at the legal foundations of racial oppression. The buttoned-up Houston and the easygoing Marshall made an unlikely pair-but their partnership made an unforgettable impact on American history.

From Booklist James successfully reincarnates the life of Charles Hamilton Houston, who graduated from Amherst College and Harvard Law School (serving as the first black president of the Harvard Law ) and served in the army during World War I. As dean of the Howard Law School, he modeled the rigor and organization of Harvard Law School and the army to produce top-rated lawyers who committed their careers to overturning Jim Crow laws. One of his students was Thurgood Marshall. The book portrays the partnership of Houston (as legal theorist, strategist, and mentor), Thurgood Marshall (disciple), and Walter White (NAACP chief and financier), and other civil-rights lawyers. They repeatedly went before the U.S. Supreme Court and its affiliates to argue in favor of ending lynching, the poll tax, all-white juries, pay inequality, and unequal educational opportunity for blacks and whites. Younger readers will also learn about the systematic nature of the sacrifices made and the struggle for the U.S. to abide by its luminous promise to ensure safety and provide equal opportunity for all Americans. Very informative, serious, and easy to read. --Mohamed Sherriff With deft portrayals of Charles Hamilton Houston and Thurgood Marshall and captivating accounts of the cases they were involved in, Rawn James, Jr. brings back to our attention two central figures in the nation's efforts to use constitutional law to confront and overcome our history of segregation and racism. Mark Tushnet, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law, Harvard Law School Rawn James, Jr.'s moving and gracefully written *Root and Branch* reconstructs one of the most influential collaborations in American history. With artful prose and careful scholarship, James documents how Charles Hamilton Houston and Thurgood Marshall first as teacher and student, and later as trusted friends and colleagues spearheaded the NAACP's epochal legal assault on Jim Crow. Raymond Arsenault, author of *Freedom Riders* and *The Sound of Freedom*