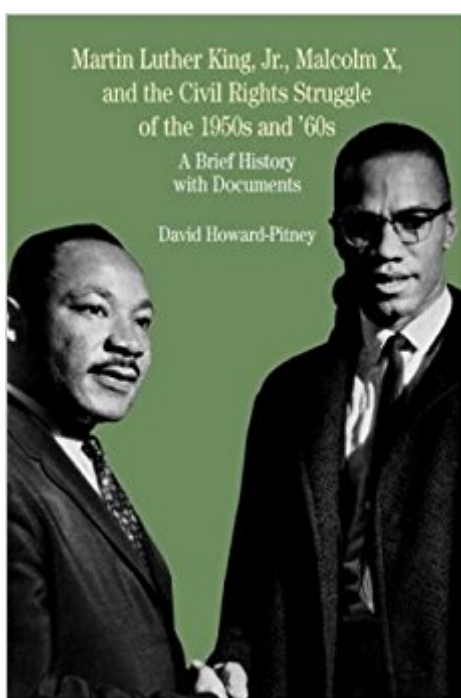


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"The Bedford Series in History and Culture "not only introduces students to some of the most vital primary documents in American history, but the thoughtful introductions provide the most recent, provocative, and accessible interpretations of their subjects."

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The author's organization of the information he had was solid. Having to read this book as an over-worked college student, it was difficult to get through. I found the reversal of attitudes and roles between the two men intriguing. If you're a big civil rights buff or want to know more about these two figure heads, this is the book. If you're looking for something to assign to your honors level students... well, not so much :) (we read this book after Anne Moody's *Coming of Age in Mississippi*, the contrast is what ruined it for me I think.)

This book includes very interesting information and explain in depth point of view of the two different civil right leaders and explain how they were both essential character for success, this book also shows the importance of religion and churches during the civil right movement and some great speeches from Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. This book is very accessible and goes directly to the essential informations. I loved it !

This book really gave me a good understanding of the core differences between X and King, I did not know 97% of what I read prior, and it was delivered in a way that made it an easy and highly enjoyable read! I see now how different they were and yet like velvet on a steel fist one served the other well. spoiler alert:... sad endings.

Excellent enlightenment as to what took place during this historical time.

The book gives an in-depth look at the differences in MLK's and Malcolm X's philosophy in their earlier years, but also focuses on the convergence of their ideas in their latter years up until the point of their murders.

Great entry into two important American thinkers and a tumultuous part of American history. Also, a great resource for undergraduate-level research.

These were powerful men and IF they had joined forces our country would have benefited a great deal. They had supportive wives as well!

it was in great condition when I received it. Altogether a great book with great speeches and interviews included from MLK and MX.

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