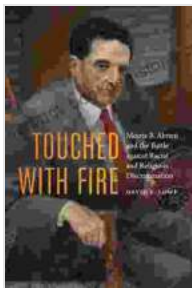


# Morris Abram: A Pioneer in the Fight Against Racial and Religious Discrimination

Morris Abram was a renowned American civil rights attorney who played a pivotal role in the fight against racial and religious discrimination in the United States. His unwavering commitment to justice and equality made him a prominent figure in the civil rights movement and left an indelible mark on American society.



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## Early Life and Education

Morris Abram was born in Cairo, Illinois, on September 10, 1918. His father, Simon Abram, was a Lebanese immigrant, and his mother, Anna Blum, was an American-born Jew. Abram grew up in a modest home and attended local public schools. From an early age, he showed a keen interest in social justice and a determination to challenge injustice.

After graduating from high school, Abram attended the University of Chicago, where he studied political science and law. During his time at university, he became involved in student activism and organized protests against racial discrimination.

## **Career as a Civil Rights Attorney**

After graduating from law school, Abram began his career as a civil rights attorney in New York City. He quickly gained recognition for his sharp legal mind and his unwavering commitment to fighting for the rights of the underprivileged.

In 1951, Abram joined the staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where he served as legal director for over a decade. During his tenure, he played a key role in desegregating public schools and universities across the country. He also represented plaintiffs in several landmark Supreme Court cases, including *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), which declared racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional.

In addition to his work with the NAACP, Abram also served as general counsel for the American Jewish Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). He was a vocal advocate for religious freedom and fought against discrimination based on religion or ethnicity.

## **Leadership in the Civil Rights Movement**

Abram was not only a brilliant attorney but also a charismatic leader in the civil rights movement. He was a sought-after speaker at rallies and conferences, where he inspired people with his eloquent speeches and unwavering belief in justice.

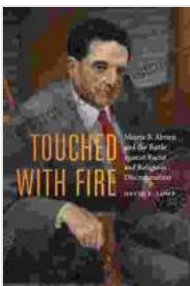
Abram's leadership extended beyond the courtroom and into the political arena. He served as a presidential advisor on civil rights issues and played a key role in drafting the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

## Later Career and Legacy

After a distinguished career in the civil rights movement, Abram served as president of Brandeis University from 1968 to 1972. Under his leadership, Brandeis became a center for social justice initiatives and a vocal advocate for civil rights.

Morris Abram passed away on May 9, 2000, at the age of 81. He left behind a legacy of unwavering commitment to justice and equality. His work as a civil rights attorney, leader, and educator has had a profound impact on American society and continues to inspire generations of activists.

Morris Abram was a visionary civil rights pioneer whose tireless efforts helped shape the course of American history. His unwavering commitment to fighting racial and religious discrimination has left an enduring legacy of justice and equality. Abram's work reminds us of the power of the law to bring about social change and the importance of never giving up the fight for a more just and equitable society.



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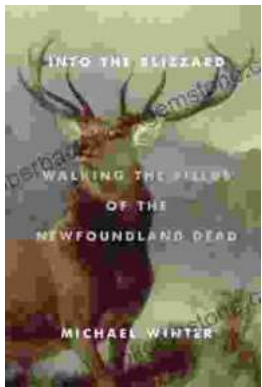
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