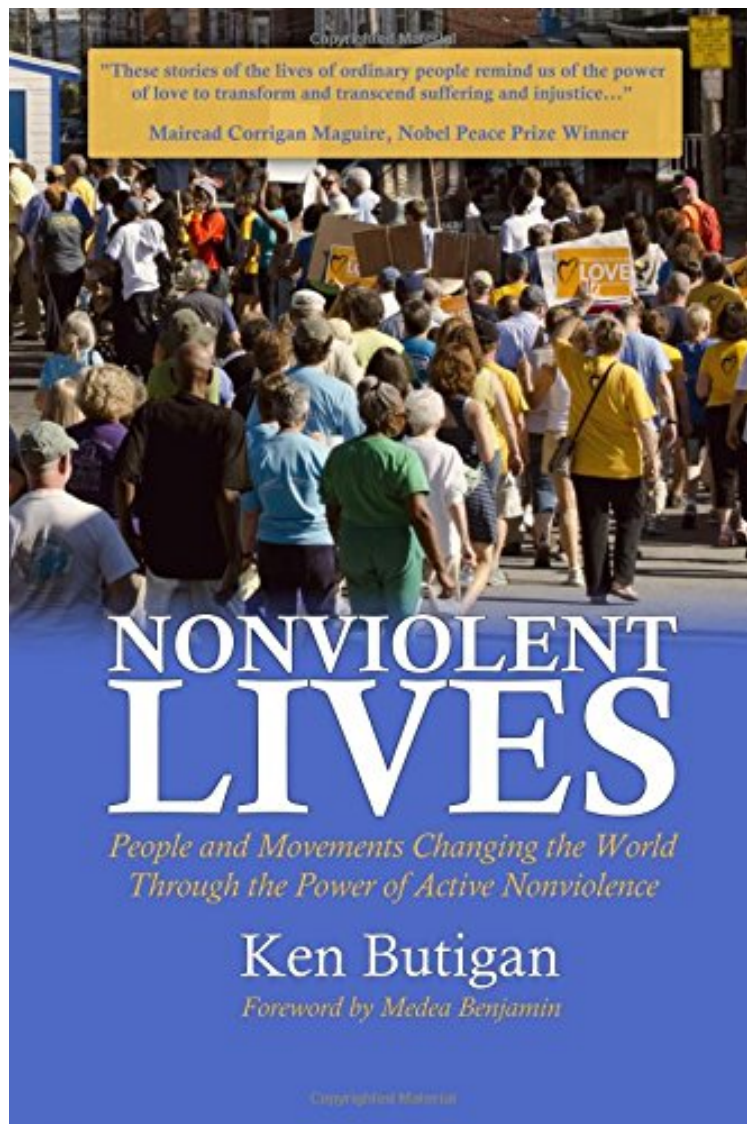


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This book celebrates a host of change-makers who have transformed the world and who teach us to do the same. While successful social change hinges on strategic thinking, serious training, critical mass, creative action, and often the capricious accidents of history, it also requires the power and relentless determination of extraordinary ordinary human beings, whose relentless determination so often lies at the heart of social transformation. In this book, we meet a scintillating cast of characters in the most profound drama of our time: the movement of movements working tirelessly for a world of justice, peace and environmental healing. In these pages we learn what powerful people and effective movements can teach us about building a culture of active nonviolence.

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