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FIND FREE COPIES OF "MARCH: BOOK ONE" THROUGHOUT NASHVILLE Hundreds of Copies of this Year's Nashville Reads Selection Distributed with Instructions to "Take Me, Read Me, Leave Me"



Free "Take Me, Read Me, Leave Me" copies of "March: Book One" are on the counter at Café Coco.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashvillians might notice something extra at their neighborhood coffee shop, community center or barber shop over the next week—free copies of this year's Nashville Reads book selection. Nashville Reads partners this weekend distributing copies of "March: Book One," the graphic novel by and about Congressman and Civil Rights hero John Lewis, coauthored with Andrew Aydin and illustrated by Nate Powell.

"March: Book One" is the 2017 selection for <u>Nashville Reads</u>, an annual citywide reading, discussion and celebration of one book.

Nashvillians are encouraged to read a free copy of "March: Book One" and then pass it on or leave it for another person to find. Readers can also <u>check out</u> a print or electronic copy from <u>Nashville Public Library</u> or <u>purchase one</u> from <u>Parnassus Books</u>. Readers are invited to then participate in dozens of free book discussions, art programs, film screenings and more throughout March and April.

About March: Book One

The graphic novel "March: Book One," the first installment in the "March" trilogy, chronicles Lewis' childhood in rural Alabama, his first meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his role in the Nashville Student Movement, and his struggle to end segregation through nonviolent demonstrations and lunch counter sit-ins. The "March" trilogy is coauthored by Rep. Lewis and Andrew Aydin and is illustrated by Nate Powell.

About Nashville Reads

Nashville Reads is an annual campaign that brings the city together to read one work of great literature, in an attempt to broaden the literary horizons of Nashville and foster discussion. Nashville Reads is a partnership of Nashville Public Library, the Nashville Public Library Foundation, the Office of Mayor Megan Barry, Humanities Tennessee, Parnassus Book and BookPage. Nashville Reads is sponsored by Ingram Content Group. For more information, visit www.nashvillereads.org.

About Nashville Public Library

Nashville Public Library maintains a collection of 2 million items, including books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and downloadable books, movies and music. The library also offers more than 800 public-use computers, free art exhibits, educational programs, events for all ages, 24/7 reference assistance, online databases, interlibrary loan and special collections. Metro Archives, located at the Main Library, houses 5 million historic documents. Equal access is provided by the Talking Library audio reading service for the print disabled and Library Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For more information, call (615) 862-5800 or visit library.nashville.org.