

The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation by Anna Malaika Tubbs

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"Tubbs skillfully draws parallels between each woman's story, and vividly captures the early years of the civil rights movement."

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Summary

Much has been written about Berdis Baldwin's son James, about Alberta King's son Martin, and about Louise Little's son Malcolm. But virtually nothing has been said about the extraordinary women who raised them, whose lives spanned Jim Crow, the Great Migration, the civil rights movement, and the specific prejudices Black women faced during these and many more pivotal moments in American history.

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