

Strategic note-taking:

P374-“There’s this idea that it’s not a whole lot of black resistance before the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The civil rights movement just starts.”

-“Another misconception is they think it was all men. Even now.”

P375-“So one of the reasons for doing this was ‘cause I kept getting this thing with Stokely.”

Significance: #contextmatters! Raises questions about the work of the scholar—of interpretations, of the kinds of sources you use, and in this case—overreliance upon documents.

She writes, “But part of it with Hands was to say, we were not this little submissive group of women, which is how we often get framed now as SNCC women, because of Sara Evans and the so-called Stokely quote and how the white women’s movement had sometimes portrayed this.”

Significance: raises questions of methodology (sources)—but also the different experiences and perspectives of the sources. It also raises questions about who’s voices are centered? Can white women, such as Sara Evans, for example, in the movement speak for black women from the movement?

It’s a question of representation. She writes, “and we never felt unempowered. We never felt powerless. What comes through in these narratives is that these women—and there are fifty-two of us coming from everywhere, so it’s not like we’re just selecting and cherry-picking certain people. We all felt empowered, and for many of us, felt the most powerful that we have ever felt.”