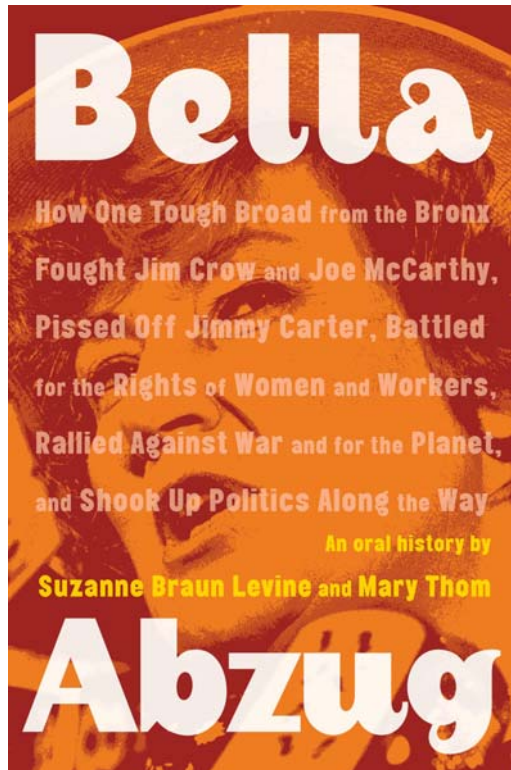


Bella Abzug

HOW ONE TOUGH BROAD FROM THE BRONX FOUGHT JIM CROW AND JOE MCCARTHY, PISSED OFF JIMMY CARTER, BATTLED FOR THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND WORKERS, RALLIED AGAINST WAR AND FOR THE PLANET, AND SHOOK UP POLITICS ALONG THE WAY

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A BIOGRAPHY OF AND TESTAMENT TO ONE OF THE GREAT POLITICAL ACTIVISTS OF OUR TIME.

I've been described as a tough and noisy woman, a prizefighter, a man-hater, you name it. They call me Battling Bella, Mother Courage, and a Jewish mother with more complaints than Portnoy. There are those who say I'm impatient, impetuous, uppity, rude, profane, brash, and overbearing. Whether I'm any of those things, or all of them, you can decide for yourself. But whatever I am—and this ought to be made very clear—I am a very serious woman.

For more than fifty years, Bella Abzug championed the powerless and disenfranchised, as an activist, congresswoman, and leader in every major social initiative of her time—from Zionism and labor in the forties to the ban-the-bomb efforts in the fifties, to civil rights and the anti-Vietnam War movements of the

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