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It's impossible not to feel inspired while reading this gorgeous, well-written nonfiction picture book about the life of Texas congresswoman Barbara Jordan.

From a young age, Barbara Jordan had a remarkable voice. Her voice demanded attention and projected confidence beyond her years. As the author ponders, "What do you do with a voice like that?". And so began the journey of Barbara Jordan from child to college student. From lawyer to Congresswoman. Jordan spent her career speaking up for those who had less power and protected the rights of those who were discriminated against. Chris Barton's wonderful words remind us to honor Jordan's legacy by making our own voices heard.

Ekua Holmes honors Barbara's life with gorgeous mixed media illustrations. Bold colors and patterns fill the pages and add dimension to the story.

Short but sweet, this nonfiction picture book is a wonderful read for those interested in the true stories of strong women or the Civil Rights Movement. And the vibrant art will please those with an aesthetic eye.

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