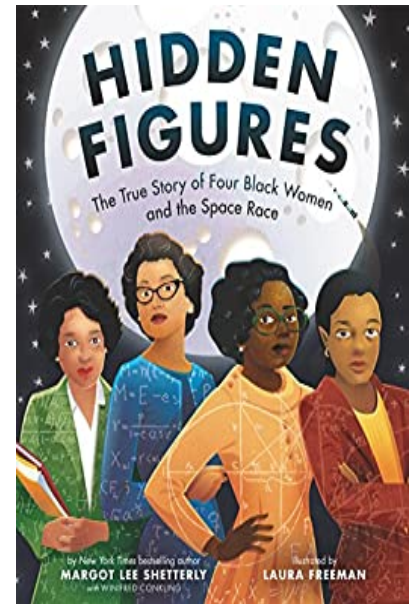


Hidden Figures Book Summary (PDF) by Margot Lee Shetterly

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Why This Book Matters:

Hidden Figures highlights to accomplishments The West Computers, an all-black, female division of mathematicians, made during their time working with NASA.

The Big Takeaways:

- 1. Black women were behind several of the most complex missions at NASA.**
 1. If Though still segregated, several black women were hired at Langley to process complex math problems.
- 2. The increase in production at the time of WWII gave a few black women the chance to become mathematicians for NACA.**
 1. Though it was a prestigious job, these black women still faced many hardships in their everyday lives.

3. **These women were constantly reminded that they were not equal to their white counterparts.**
 1. It was through their determination that these women broke into other parts of the organization by proving their ability time and time again.
4. **It was through the strength of these women that barriers were broken within Langley.**
 1. While making strides in breaking barriers regarding race, they also helped new forward-think ideals for women in the workplace.
5. **Racial discrimination grew stronger, as did the women of Langley during the 1950s.**
 1. These women were responsible for so much more than themselves, leading them to make their mark on science, as well as race relations in America.

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