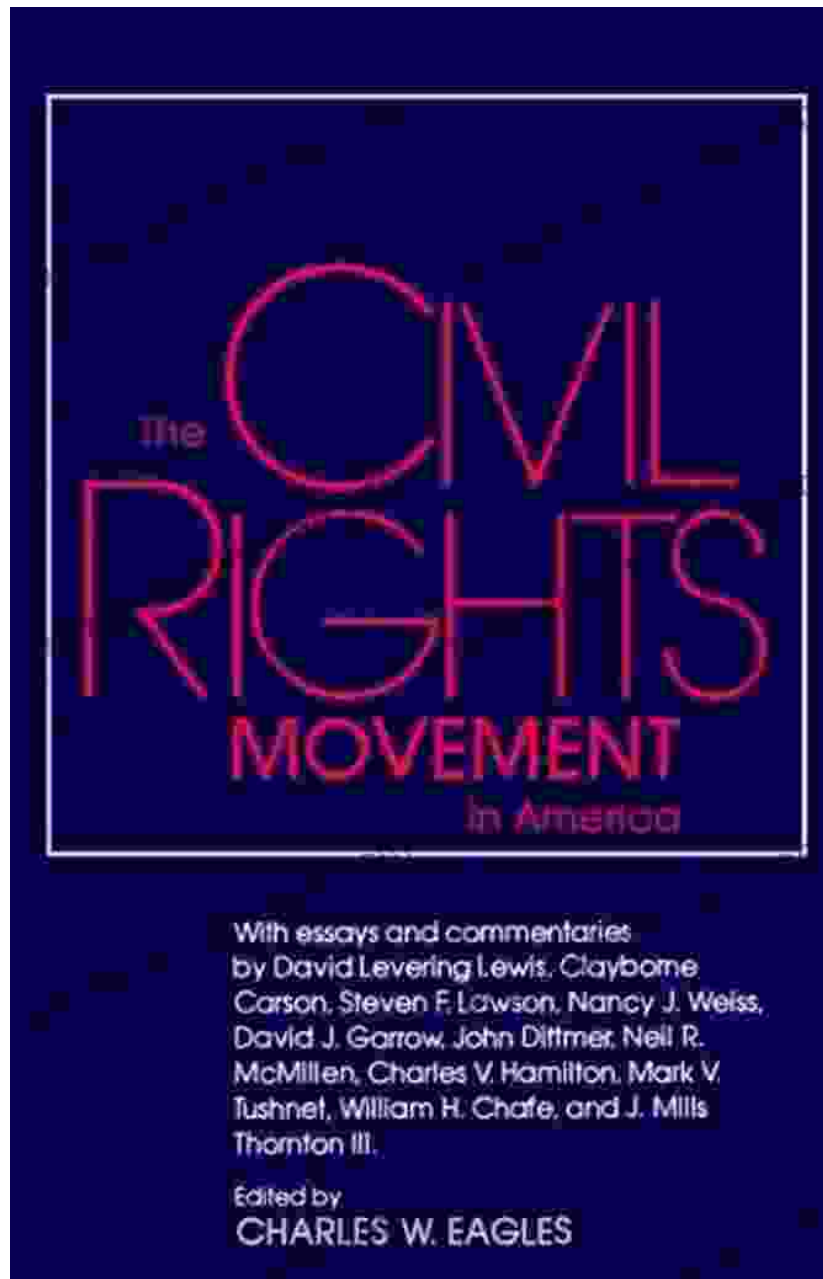
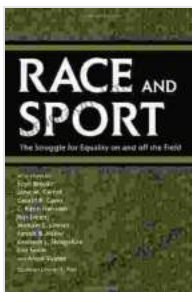


# The Struggle For Equality On And Off The Field: Chancellor Porter Fortune's Enduring Legacy



: A Trailblazing Life

Chancellor Porter Fortune was a man of remarkable courage and determination. Born into poverty in 1919, he overcame tremendous obstacles to become a star football player, a civil rights activist, and a successful businessman. His life story is an inspiring example of the power of the human spirit and a testament to the importance of fighting for equality.



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### Early Life and Football Career

Chancellor Porter Fortune was born in Texarkana, Texas, on January 1, 1919. He grew up in a sharecropping family and worked in the fields from a young age. Despite the hardships he faced, Fortune was a gifted athlete and excelled in football.

In 1940, Fortune received a scholarship to attend the University of Michigan. He was the first African American to play football for the Wolverines, and he quickly became one of the team's best players. In

1943, he was named an All-American and helped Michigan win the national championship.

## **Civil Rights Activism**

Fortune's success on the football field gave him a platform to speak out against racial injustice. He was an early member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and participated in numerous protests and demonstrations.

In 1947, Fortune was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in Korea, where he witnessed firsthand the horrors of war. After returning home, he became even more committed to fighting for civil rights.

## **Business Success**

After retiring from football, Fortune went on to become a successful businessman. He founded several companies, including a construction company and a real estate development firm. He was also a pioneer in the field of minority broadcasting, and he helped establish the first minority-owned television station in the United States.

## **Legacy and Impact**

Chancellor Porter Fortune died in 2010 at the age of 91. He is remembered as a trailblazing figure who made a significant contribution to the civil rights movement. His life story is an inspiration to all who are fighting for equality and justice.

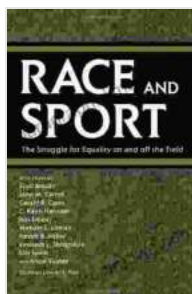
In 2011, the University of Michigan unveiled a statue of Chancellor Porter Fortune on campus. The statue is a tribute to his legacy as a football player, a civil rights activist, and a successful businessman.

Fortune's legacy also lives on through the Chancellor Porter Fortune Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to African American students who are pursuing a college education.

## **: A Role Model for Generations**

Chancellor Porter Fortune was a true American hero. He overcame tremendous obstacles to achieve success in both sports and business. He was also a courageous civil rights activist who fought tirelessly for equality and justice. His life story is an inspiration to all who are fighting for a better world.

Fortune's legacy is a reminder that anything is possible if we have the courage to never give up. He is a role model for generations to come, and his story will continue to inspire people for years to come.



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