

***The Good Fight:  
Life Lessons from a Chicago Progressive***

**By Dick Simpson**

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**Book description (70 words)**

In his memoir *The Good Fight*, Chicago politician and activist professor Dick Simpson shares his lifelong struggle to bring about civil rights and social justice. With great candor, he shares stories of his life in Chicago politics and moving accounts of his romances, marriages, and divorces. Striking the perfect balance between historical context, autobiography, and lessons learned, Simpson chronicles what worked, what didn't, and why. Includes 73 pictures and index.

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for Chicago alderman and U.S. Congress. But his quest for social justice also produced a lifelong struggle to find balance between the private man and his public persona.

With great candor, this progressive politician and activist professor shares stories of his early life in Texas, his arrival in Chicago just in time for the 1968 Democratic National Convention, and moving accounts of his romances, marriages, and divorces. Simpson has many stories to tell from 50 years in the trenches of Chicago politics and as colleague, friend, and adviser to such personalities as Mayor Harold Washington, Studs Terkel, Don Rose, and Mike Royko.

A breath of fresh air in today's divisive political climate, Simpson's memoir teaches important lessons in real-world politics. He reminds us not to get so caught up in the fight that we forget what we're fighting for. Striking the perfect balance between historical context, autobiography, and lessons learned, Simpson chronicles what worked, what didn't, and why.

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