Grassroots Warriors: Activist Mothering, Community Work, and the War on Poverty

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Who are the grassroots warriors on the front lines of the war on poverty?

Through in-depth interviews, Grassroots Warriors presents the voices of over sixty women—African American, Puerto Rican, and white European American—who fought for social and economic justice in the low-income neighborhoods of New York City and Philadelphia. Naples recontextualizes labor, mothering, and politics from the standpoint of women committed to political organizing on behalf of low income urban neighborhoods. Her analysis reveals significant legacies from past social movements, and examines how gender, ethnicity, and class influence political consciousness and practice.

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