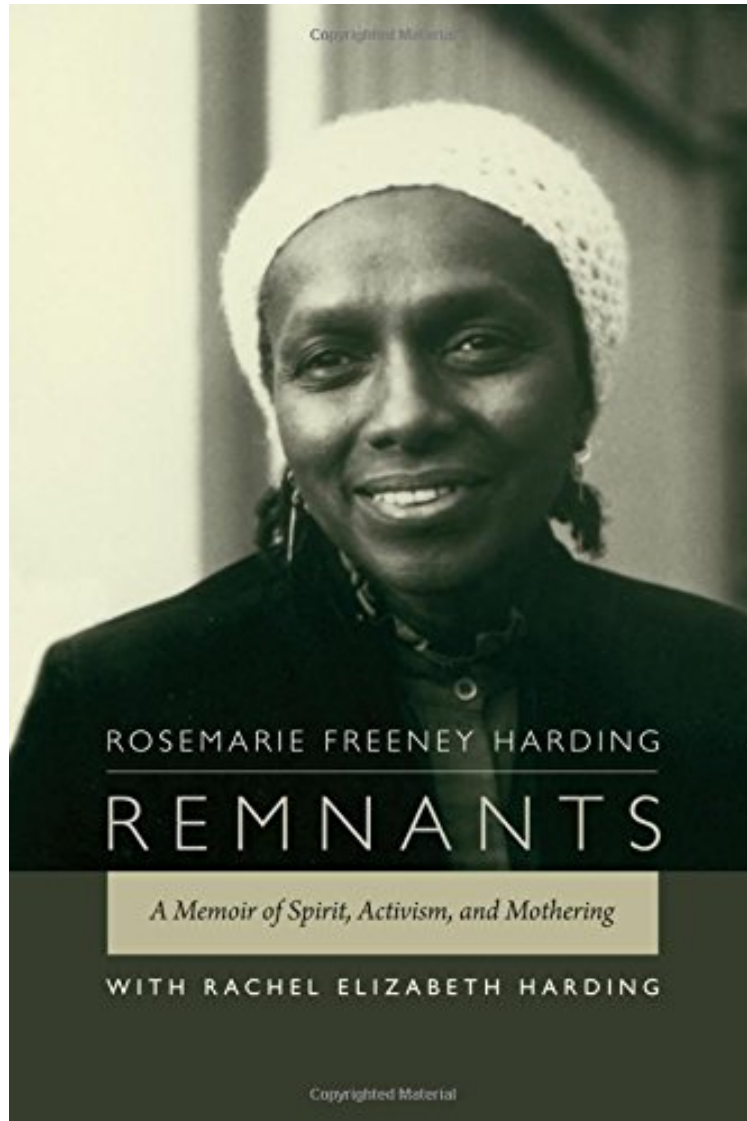


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A spirituality of abundanceBy Ric HudgensRemnants is a testament to the creative imagination, mystical spirit, and sacred activism of Rosemarie Freeney Harding (1930-2004). She was

an organizer, teacher, social worker, wife of Dr Vincent Harding (1931-2014) and mother of Rachel Elizabeth Harding (Professor of Indigenous Spiritual Traditions, University of Colorado, Denver) who co-authored this utterly unique work. Rachel drew upon her mothers journals and other writings as well as many hours of taped conversations. She has woven her own words and her mothers into a seamless flow that maintains a unified, distinctive voice. In Rachels words her mother modeled a female-centered, indigenous wisdom about the world. It is the elucidation of that indigenous, African wisdom contextualized in a contemporary North American environment during a cauldron of social, cultural, and political turmoil that makes the testimony in this volume illuminating and indispensable. The book begins with the ancestors of Rosemarie Freeney in southern Georgia. It is in that soil and from that people that her own way of being in the world was formed. Rosemarie was born after her family had migrated to Chicago in the 1920s. The memoir describes her growth among a loving family of southerners living in the north and details both the beauty of African-American life in those early years and its gradual deconstruction in the subsequent decades. We are then taken back to Georgia as Rosemarie and her husband and children begin a new work in Atlanta during the height of the civil rights movement. In the final third of the book the story pushes outward and inward exploring the edges of spirit, pain, wisdom, and mystery. It is impossible to finish reading this book with any assumption that you have exhausted it. *Remnants* provides a unique perspective on the spirituality of liberation and resistance embodied in the the southern freedom movement. It explores how those involved in that movement endured the inherent trauma of the struggle. It expands our understanding of the spiritual resources they utilized. Recent studies of the civil rights movement have explored its origins in the Black church. Rachel Harding however argues that African-American spirituality had a source more profound than any anguished nineteenth century conversion to the faith of their oppressors. Her mothers witness is evidence of that assertion. I am starting a list of twenty-first century spiritual classics. *Remnants* is my first entry. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Rosemarie Freeney Harding a gift from God! By Louis E Campbell Technically superior from the beginning and full expressions of love regardless of circumstances of inhumane attitudes of those opposed to civil rights. After the historical accuracy of the old south to the great migration to the north and full circle back to the south intertwined with religious intonations of Christianity and other religions. We travel through life's maze with Rose Marie as she sees the light, and spreads joy, life and being a more peaceful people of those near and far. I'm impressed with Rachel and her brilliant family from top to bottom, and her many Civil Rights friends and others. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Inspirational By Customer From understanding how we are all connected, with all that implies, to demonstrating resilience in the face of deep suffering, *Remnants* is filled with timeless lessons. Dr. Rachel Harding and her mom have written a book that will be of immense value to anyone who reads it with a view to learning from the wisdom it contains. Thank you ladies for providing us with additional lens through which we can apprehend our world.

An activist influential in the civil rights movement, Rosemarie Freeney Hardings spirituality blended many traditions, including southern African American mysticism, Anabaptist Christianity, Tibetan Buddhism, and Afro-Brazilian Candomblé. *Remnants*, a multigenre memoir, demonstrates how Freeney Harding's spiritual life and social justice activism were integral to the instincts of mothering, healing, and community-building. Following Freeney Hardings death in 2004, her daughter Rachel finished this decade-long collaboration, using recorded interviews, memories of her mother, and her mother's journal entries, fiction, and previously published essays.

"*Remnants* is an extraordinary gift. It is a kind of Rosetta Stone of the African American Woman's soul all the 'remnants,' the bits and pieces Rosemarie carefully saved, remembered, nurtured, in her ancestors, relatives, and self coming together in this extremely useful compendium of wisdom, of sureness and insight that we will be able to use for generations to come."