



# BY HER SIDE



THE TRUE VIEW FROM WITHIN.  
MY BLESSED 45-YEAR JOURNEY BY THE SIDE OF  
**ROSA LOUISE PARKS**

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What follows can only be honestly said by one person, Elaine Eason Steele. By Her Side chronicles her unique and enduring friendship, her heart and soul, and her arm-in-arm 45-year journey with Mrs. Rosa Parks. There are more than 200 books about her dearest and closest friend, mentor, and spiritual mother. Only this one presents the view from within.



# ABOUT THIS BOOK

(Hardcover)

## In Brief:

Mrs. Elaine Eason Steele shares her improbable 45-year journey by the side of Mrs. Rosa Parks, “Mother of The Civil Rights Movement—a journey that began when she was a 17-year-old Detroit high school student and continued to Mrs. Parks’ passing on October 24, 2005. — The journey continues.



The “North Star” of this book is the destruction of myths with the truth. Truth is the guiding and singular purpose of *By Her Side*.

There are more than 200 books about my dearest and closest friend, my mentor, and spiritual mother, Mrs. Rosa Louise Parks. The public may be forgiven for accepting as fact the many now ingrained perceptions about iconic events, in particular, and Mrs. Parks' life and activities in general. I suppose that is true for many of the celebrated heroes of our struggle for freedom and justice. However, I take it personally. I was there, with a view from within the room, not as an outsider.

**My decision to write this book** is not a new one, and it did not come easily. For years, many individuals and publishers who are aware of my unique and enduring friendship, and my heart and soul, arm-in-arm association with Mrs. Parks, have approached me about telling the amazing journey I shared with her—a journey that began when I was a 16-year-old student.

**Had my life followed a conventional,** unremarkable personal path, I may not be undertaking the telling of this story. You see, this work has a purpose greater than the mere chronicling of the life of this first daughter of a Spelman College mother, and devoted teacher, and a proud Tuskegee Airman father. Again, and to be often repeated, the ‘North Star’ of this book is to set straight the often-misstated record regarding Mrs. Rosa Louise Parks I and my “slightly younger” sister Anita, who knew and understood, unlike anyone.

What you will see in this book is...

## **The View From Within.**

— Elaine Eason Steele



## About The Author:

Elaine Eason Steele.

Born in Tuskegee, Alabama during the Jim Crow era, Elaine Eason Steele is one of two daughters (sister, Anita) of a Tuskegee Airman father and a Spelman College graduate mother. Her family migrated to Detroit where she grew up, attended school, and later graduated from The University of Michigan-Dearborn, receiving a BA degree. Her 45-year journey with Mrs. Rosa Parks, as detailed in *By Her Side*, began when she was 16, and a high school student. That improbable, unparalleled journey continued until Mrs. Parks' passing on October 24, 2005. Still, the journey continues.

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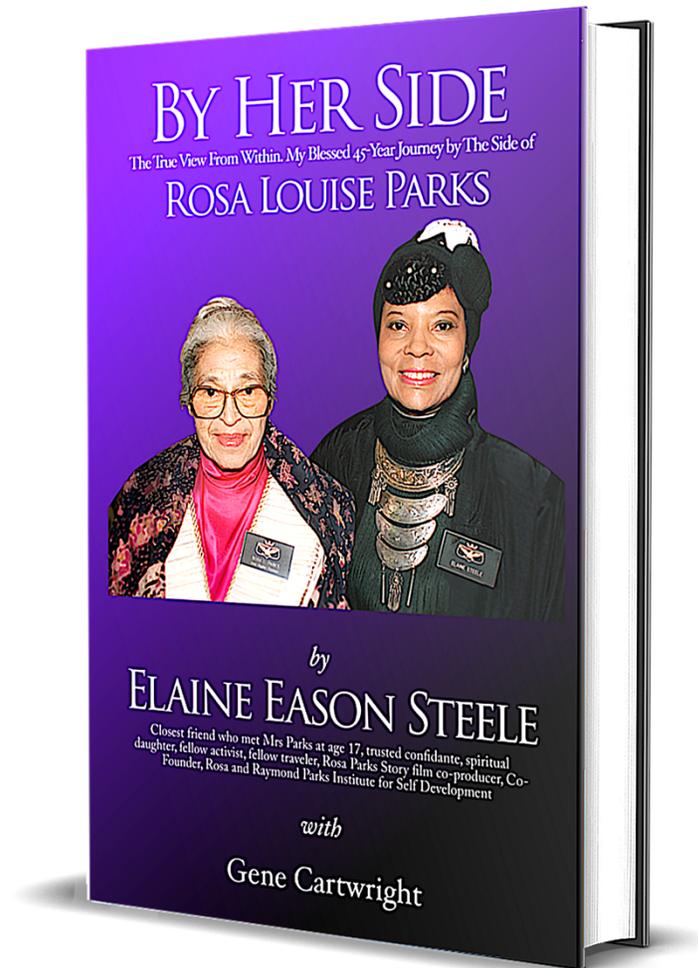
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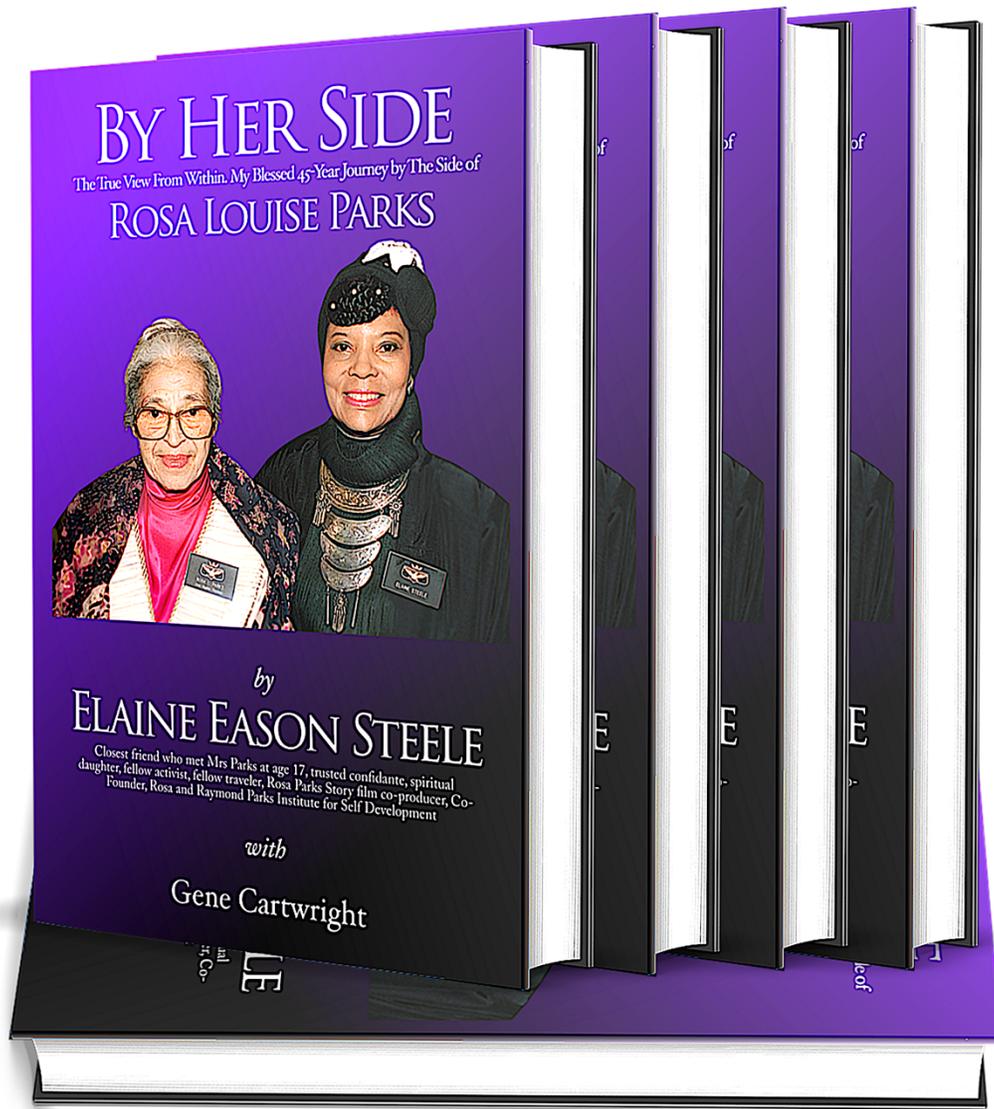
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