

# Picking Cotton: A Memoir of Injustice and Redemption

Picking Cotton is the powerful and moving memoir of Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and Ronald Cotton, two victims of a wrongful conviction that tore their lives apart and led to the execution of an innocent man. This deeply personal story exposes the flaws in our justice system and the devastating consequences of racial bias. It is a story of hope, resilience, and redemption that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.



## Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino

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## The Wrongful Conviction

In 1984, 12-year-old Jennifer Thompson-Cannino was abducted and raped. Two weeks later, Ronald Cotton, a 22-year-old black man, was arrested and charged with the crime. Despite the lack of physical evidence linking him to the crime, Cotton was convicted by an all-white jury and sentenced to death.

Cotton spent 11 years on death row, while Thompson-Cannino struggled to rebuild her life. She eventually became an advocate for victims of sexual assault and worked tirelessly to clear Cotton's name.

## **The Path to Redemption**

In 1995, DNA testing exonerated Cotton and he was finally released from prison. Thompson-Cannino and Cotton met for the first time in 1997 and formed a close bond. They have since become outspoken advocates for criminal justice reform and work to prevent wrongful convictions from happening to others.

Picking Cotton is their powerful story of injustice, redemption, and the power of forgiveness. It is a must-read for anyone who cares about justice and the human spirit.

## **Praise for Picking Cotton**

"A powerful and moving memoir that exposes the flaws in our justice system and the devastating consequences of racial bias. Picking Cotton is a story of hope, resilience, and redemption that will stay with you long after you finish reading it." - **Bryan Stevenson, author of Just Mercy**

"A searing indictment of the criminal justice system and a testament to the power of forgiveness. Picking Cotton is a must-read for anyone who cares about justice." - **Sister Helen Prejean, author of Dead Man Walking**

"A powerful and unforgettable story of injustice and redemption. Picking Cotton is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the flaws in our justice system and the devastating consequences of racial bias." - **Michelle Alexander, author of The New Jim Crow**

## About the Authors

**Jennifer Thompson-Cannino** is a survivor of sexual assault and a victims' rights advocate. She is the co-founder of the Witness to Innocence program, which provides support to victims of wrongful convictions. She lives in North Carolina with her husband and two children.

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Picking Cotton is available now from all major booksellers.



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