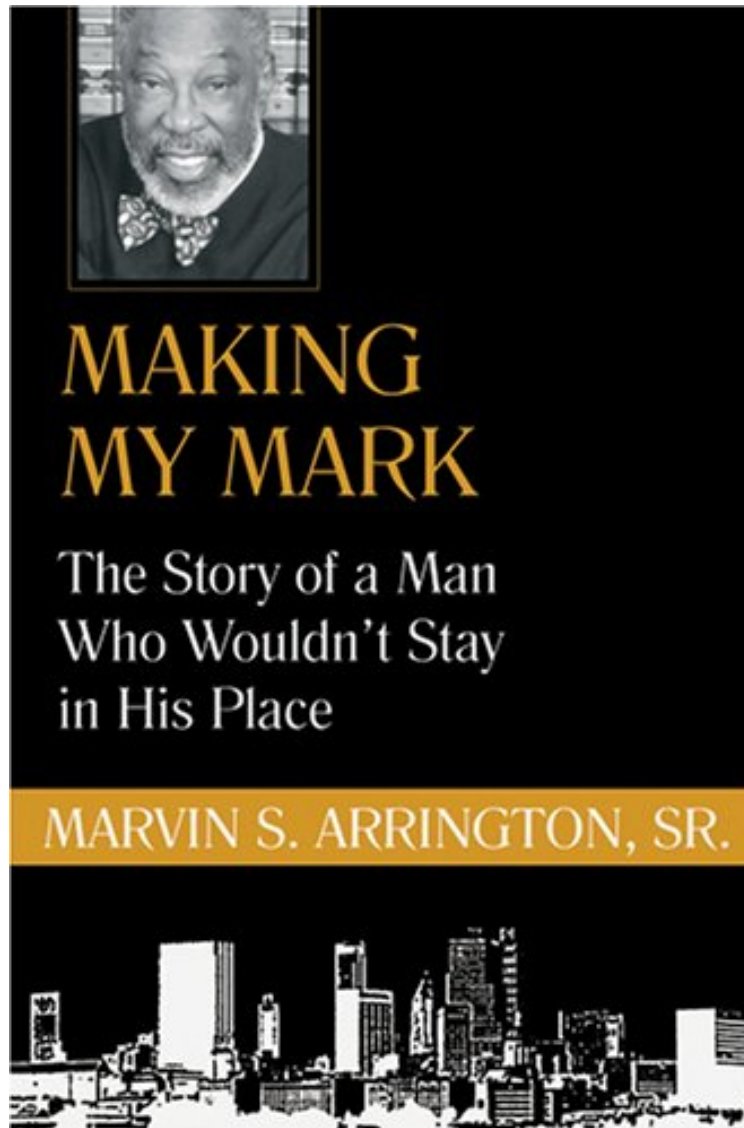


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Reviewing the AuthorBy Katherine GordonMy husband and I were privileged to have dinner with Mr. Arrington on vacation a few months ago, and although I have not yet had the

pleasure of reading this book, I have ordered one and am looking forward to it with eager anticipation. I had misplaced my note to myself with the title, or I would have found it much sooner. Mr. Arrington is a fascinating, charming and articulate person. When I have had a chance to review the book for real, I will update this rating with more salient information. In the meantime, I can't help believe it will be well worthwhile. I am so glad he didn't let the world around him press him into its mold. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hometown Boy done good By Dr. Wilson Trivio Local boy done good, should be the subtitle of Marvin Arrington's book, Making My Mark, the story of a man who wouldn't stay in his place. A "Grady baby" born at Atlanta's Grady Hospital, Arrington is as native an Atlantan as you can get these days. He has a dominant father and caring mother that paved the way for him to break through the obstacles he faced along way. Attending Henry McNeal Turner High School, Clark Atlanta, Howard School of Law and Emory University where he became one of the first blacks to attend there. In this book you get an intimate view of the rough and tumble world of politics. How he worked diligently in the halls of city hall for the people's business. Arrington chronicles the rise of the 1996 Olympics and his failed Mayoral bid along with sharing stories of those individuals who shaped the modern city of Atlanta. Throughout his career, Arrington has maintained a sense of balance and always remembered his roots. After joining the judicial circuit he continued to rule on what was right. The book is a quick read and about one man's journey into a life committed to helping others. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Barbara R. Hatton, Ph.D. By Barbara R. Hatton Judge Marvin S. Arrington has been a fixture in Atlanta, GA legal and political circles for more than thirty years. I expected his autobiography to be another in a long line of inspiring tales about tough warriors in the African American quest for dignity, respect and inclusion. The title should have been my clue that it is much more. It is a saga of how his extraordinary life mirrors that of his beloved and iconoclastic city. Just as Atlanta rose from its ashes to become an international hub that defies its southern roots, Arrington forged his path from obscurity to a place of honor on the right side of Atlanta history. From the early chapters, where he offers a riveting picture of his early life in the neighborhood fictionalized in Tom Wolfe's Atlanta-based novel, to the later ones, he builds on the theme of refusing to stay in the place unjustly assigned to him by his city, his circumstances and his culture. A virtual who's who in law and politics endorsed this book including Pres. Jimmy Carter, Sen. Sam Nunn, Mayor Shirley Franklin, Ambassador Andrew Young, and Gov. Douglas Wilder. Tom Wolfe also lent his name. This book has been added to my collection of African American biographies. It is written in a narrative style that makes it accessible to a wide range of audiences, informative to multiple disciplines and enjoyable for re-reading over time.

Lawyer, judge, public servant, trailblazer: these are only a few words to describe the remarkable accomplishments of the Honorable Marvin S. Arrington, Sr., of Atlanta, Georgia. It's the story of a dedicated man, born in to the segregated South who went on to break down racial barriers and build walls of inclusion and harmony. Judge Arrington was the first African American to become partner at an all-white Atlanta law firm and then, later, established one of the largest and most successful minority law firms in the country. Today, Marvin Arrington is a distinguished judge on the Fulton County Superior Court who continues now to address the great challenges of the 21st century.

About the Author MARVIN S. ARRINGTON, SR., attended both Clark College, Howard University School of Law, and Emory University Law School where he was awarded his JD in 1967. From there, he went on to become a founding partner of Arrington Hollowell.