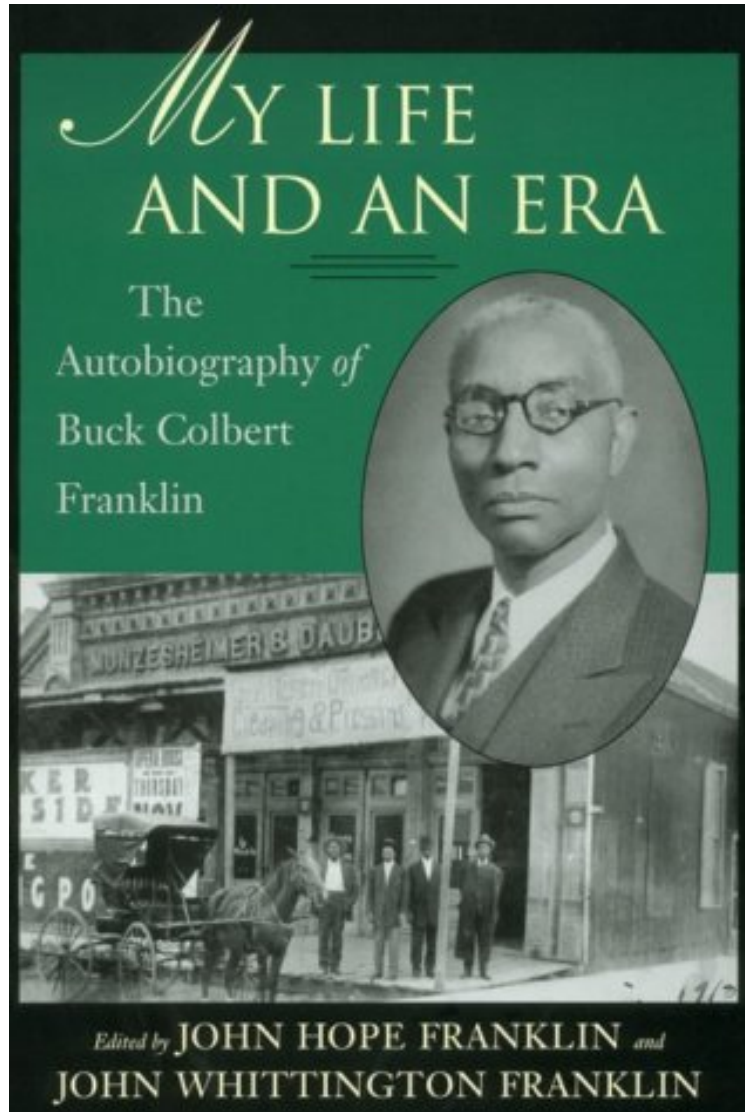


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My fathers life represented many layers of the human experiencefreedman and Native American, farmer and rancher, rural educator and urban professional.John Hope FranklinBuck Colbert Franklin (18791960) led an extraordinary life; from his youth in what was then the Indian Territory to his practice of law in twentieth-century Tulsa, he was an observant witness to the changes in politics, law, daily existence, and race relations that transformed the wide-open Southwest. Fascinating in its depiction of an intelligent young man's coming of age in the days of the Land Rush and the closing of the frontier, My Life and an Era is equally important for its reporting of the triracial culture of early Oklahoma.Recalling his boyhood spent in the Chickasaw Nation, Franklin suggests that blacks fared better in Oklahoma in the days of the Indians than they did later with the white population. In addition to his insights about the social milieu, he offers youthful reminiscences of mustangs and mountain lions, of farming and ranch life, that might appear in a Western novel.After returning from college in Nashville and Atlanta, Franklin married a college classmate, studied law by mail, passed the bar, and struggled to build a practice in Springer and Ardmore in the first years of Oklahoma statehood. Eventually a successful attorney in Tulsa, he was an eyewitness to a number of important events in the Southwest, including the Tulsa race riot of 1921, which left more than 100 dead. His account clearly shows the growing racial tensions as more and more people moved into the state in the period leading up to World War II.Rounded out by an older mans reflections on race, religion, culture, and law, My Life and an Era presents a true, firsthand account of a unique yet defining place and time in the nation's history, as told by an eloquent and impassioned writer.

From Library JournalHistorian Franklin (chair of Bill Clinton's Initiative of Race and Reconciliation advisory board and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom) has edited and assembled the autobiography of his late father, Buck Colbert Franklin (1879-1960), who "represented many layers of the human experience?freedman and Native American, farmer and rancher, rural educator and urban professional." The elder Franklin meticulously reports the daily observances from his youth in the Indian Territory to his practice of law in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The kaleidoscope of approaches and life experiences reflect the many changes, cultural and political, that the indomitable Franklin witnessed throughout his lifetime. Buck Franklin's ability to understand the complex and appreciate the simple aspects of existence mesmerizes the reader and brings the realities of slavery, poverty, and racial tensions to us in a firsthand account. The anecdotal details in another's hand might become tiresome, but Franklin's account holds one's attention and strongly communicates the honor and stalwartness of his family. For public and academic libraries.?Kay Meredith Dusheck, Animosa, IowaCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.About the AuthorJohn Hope Franklin (19152009) was James B. Duke Professor of History Emeritus and professor of legal history at Duke University. For many years he was the John Matthews Manly Distinguished Service Professor of History at the University of Chicago. He served as president of the Southern Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the American Historical Association, the American Studies Association, and the Society of Phi Beta Kappa. He received more than eighty honorary degrees. His books include From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans; Racial Equality in America; George Washington Williams: A Biography; and Race and History: Selected Essays, 19381988.