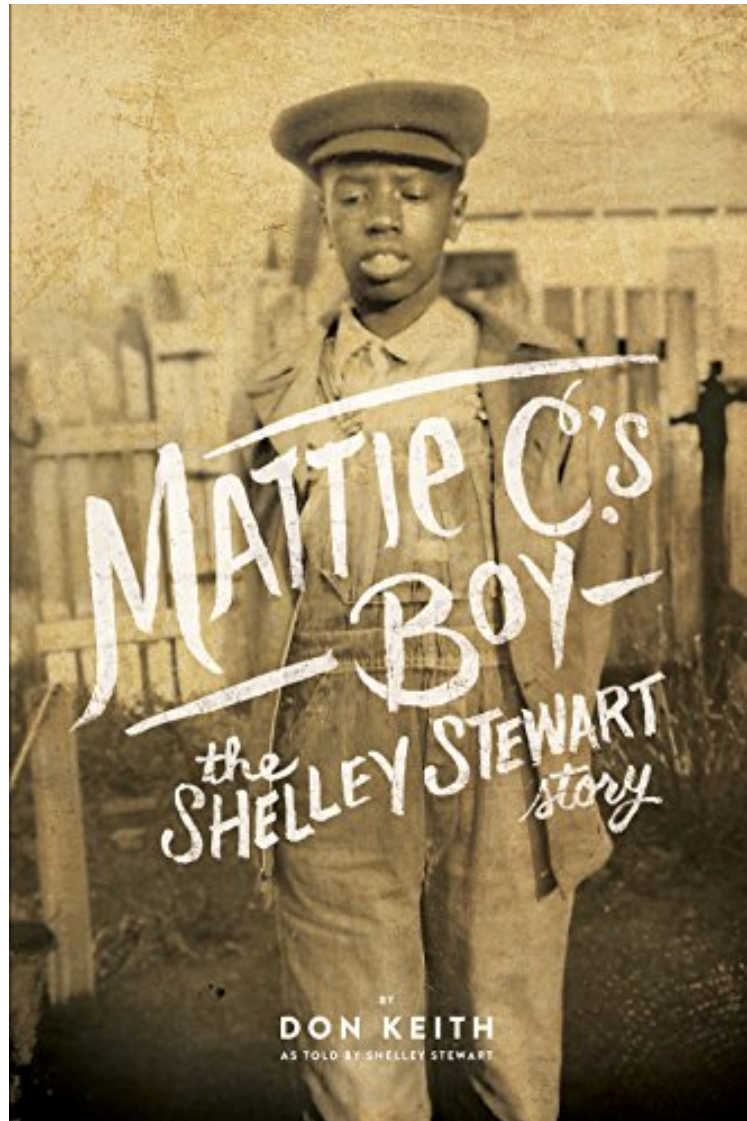


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Don Keith : Mattie C.'s Boy: The Shelley Stewart Story before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mattie C.'s Boy: The Shelley Stewart Story:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Heart-wrenching and Inspiring Story By Edith C. Blankenship Shelley Stewart's story is almost unbelievably sad in the beginning, and his ability to overcome the cruelty of both black and white adults in his life is inspiring. Because I grew up in Alabama and remember well most of the racial violence of the 1950s and 1960s, I was most interested in reading of Stewart's part in helping his people achieve some "human rights." That I had never even heard of Shelley Stewart until I read this book says a great deal about the

separation of blacks and whites in the South in those times and even to some extent today. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thank you for sharing your story. By Felicia Singleton I heard Shelly Stewart speak at a conference this summer. His short speech barely touched on the riveting story that is his life. It did emphasize how humble he still is after all of his experiences and accomplishments. I have recommended it to several friends and education colleagues. The book is well written and I was engaged from beginning to end. It is a must read for teens and adults alike. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Best Example of Why You Never Say Never to Life By Jane V. E. Richter It is amazing to see the story of Shelley's younger years and how he overcame each hurdle that was thrown in his path by his family and the world enroute to being the truly loving person that he is today. A must read, though very tough reading at times.

Shelley Stewart was five years old when he and his brothers watched in horror as their father murdered their mother with an ax. Homeless at the age of six, Stewart found what shelter he could, suffering physical and sexual abuse and racism. Despite heartbreaking setbacks and the racial strife that gripped the South in the 1950s and 1960s, Stewart graduated high school and entered the broadcasting profession. There he became a hugely popular radio personality, rubbing shoulders with the top recording artists of the day and becoming one of the nation's first black radio station owners. He helped Dr. Martin Luther King mount the historic Children's March through the streets of Birmingham, Alabama. Later Stewart would use his powerful communication skills to help convict one of the men who bombed the city's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Then this often-honored man turned his business skills to the creation of a foundation named after his mother; the Mattie C. Stewart Foundation works to convince high school students to stay in school and graduate, a topic Stewart speaks on in his many engagements around the country. Stewart, with author Don Keith, tells his story in his memoir *Mattie C.'s Boy*.

"When you read a person's life story and feel like you've been in their skin, you know you're in the hands of a talented biographer. Shelley Stewart's story is astonishing, and Don Keith has told it with grace and honesty. I was mesmerized." Robert Inman, author of *The Governor's Lady* "This book is a testament to the courage, strength and generosity of the human spirit. Shelley's life story is both lesson and inspiration: it teaches us that hope and determination can overcome adversity, and it inspires us always to choose what is right, not just what is easy." Bill Milliken, Founder of Communication in Schools, and author of *The Last Dropout* and *From the Rearview Mirror* "Compassion, grit, intelligence, foresight, generosity . . . these are only a few of the words that come to mind when I think of my friend Shelley Stewart. In this powerful memoir, he demonstrates that a son's love for his mother is best shown through a life well lived. Hope confronts despair; hope wins!" Andrew Westmoreland, President, Samford University "A page-turning book. . . . Shelley Stewart is inspirational proof that reading opens doors. Reading his life story will open hearts and minds." Birmingham Magazine "A well-written bio-pic. This book made me want to go hug my children and review my life and make sure I have done right by my fellow man. I could not stop reading and hoping there was an upside to [Shelley Stewart's] story, only to realize he was the upside." Hippocampus Magazine About the Author Award-winning author Don Keith has published more than 25 fiction and nonfiction books. As a broadcast journalist, he won awards from the AP and UPI and was the inaugural winner of Troy University's Hector Award for innovation in broadcast journalism. Keith twice was named Billboard Magazine "Radio Personality of the Year." His first novel, *The Forever Season*, was named "Fiction of the Year" by the Alabama Library Association. His military thriller, *Firing Point*, co-written with former submariner George Wallace, is in pre-production as a major motion picture. Don lives in Indian Springs Village, Alabama, with his wife, Charlene. His web site is www.donkeith.com.