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*Linton, Simi. *My Body Politic: A Memoir*. Univ. of Michigan. Jan. 2006. c.264p. ISBN 0-472-11539-1. \$25.95.

AUTOBIOG In this memoir, Linton (*Claiming Disability: Knowledge and Identity*) recounts her experiences as a disabled woman after a 1971 car accident that killed her husband and best friend and left her wheelchair-bound.

Linton takes readers through rehabilitation and the decades that followed, emphasizing her growing awareness of how the community of disabled people is "hidden" from mainstream society. She intertwines her story with those of disabled people who inspired her, such as Glenn, who showed her that dancing need not be restricted to those who can walk. Her memoir culminates with her leaving her career as a professor of psychology in order to lecture and consult in the field of disability studies full time. Although at times the author's mixing of her own story with those of others can cause confusion, Linton successfully argues that disabled people should be mainstreamed into all aspects of society, including classrooms, public transportation, housing and recreational activities-and disability activism. Required for both public and academic libraries, especially those with psychology or education collections.

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