

Shirley Chisholm

-political woman-



general information:

- was born: 30th november 1924 (Brooklyn)
- died: 1st january 2005 (FLORIDA)
- where she studied: Brooklyn College (Columbia University)
- she was the first woman of color elected to congress

Columbia University



She married Conrad Chisholm, and together they became involved in politics.

After graduating from the Brooklyn College, she became a teacher and went to earn a master's degree in elementary school from Columbia University.

She tried to win the congressional elections, and in **1968** she won them

**“all they know here in Washington
about Brooklyn is that a tree grew
there”**

**first battle at the
congress**

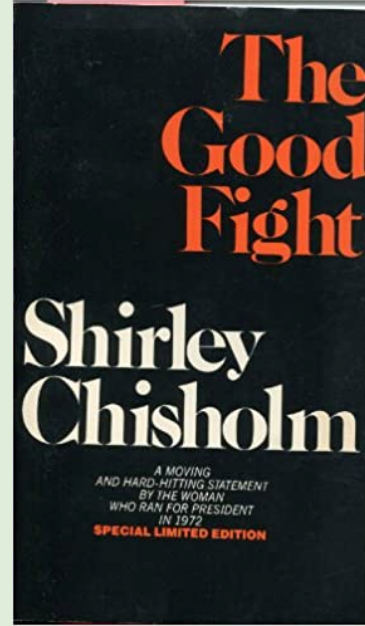
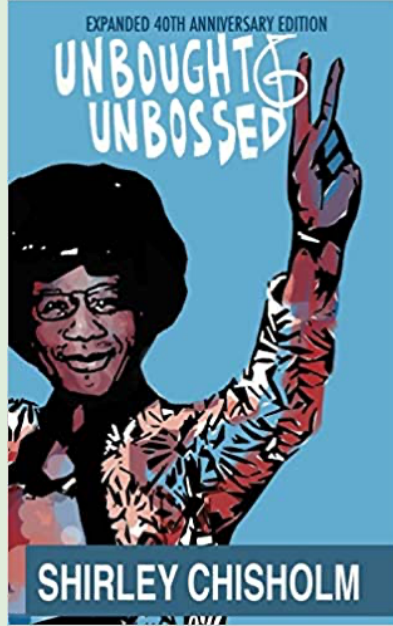
**she turned down an appointment that
was imposed on her**

**she launched her bid for the
presidential nomination**

1972

**through “unbought and
unbossed”**

unbought
unbossed



the
good
fight

Ten years later she withdrew
from the congress.

Past, she wrote 2 books (1970-1973), an
autobiography about her story.

She had posthumously the
**Presidential Medal of
Freedom** by
President Barack Obama

In an interview, towards the end of her life, Shirley said this:



“I want history to remember me... not as the first black woman to have made a bid for the presidency of the United States, but as a black woman who lived in the 20th century and who dared to be herself. I want to be remembered as a catalyst for change in America.”

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