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We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March.

By Cynthia Levinson. Read by Ervin Ross.

2012. 6.5hr. Listening Library, CD, \$40
(9780449015186). Gr. 6-12.

The highlight of Levinson's superlative non-fiction examination of the young people who participated in the Birmingham Children's March in 1963 are the concluding interviews between Levinson and the four participants whose stories are documented in the book. It is fascinating to hear these former young activists ruminate on their past, and their comments help listeners understand the building blocks of Levinson's work. Ross' voice carries authoritative weight, edging occasionally into righteous but controlled anger, forcefully driving particular points home, including fear inspired by the Ku Klux Klan and the young marchers' beliefs that spending time in jail was necessary to help the movement. The audio is carefully constructed so breaks into supplementary sidebars are fairly seamless. The titular civil rights gospel song, composed at the time of the march, opens and closes this production, a worthy addition to audio collections and a useful classroom supplement. Listeners may want to check out the book to peruse the black-and-white photos. —*Karen Cruze*

