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★ My Story, My Song: Mother-Daughter Reflections on Life and Faith

Lucimarian Roberts as told to Missy Buchanan, with reflections by Robin Roberts. Upper Room, \$18 (144p) 978-0-8358-1107-1

Good Morning America co-anchor Robin Roberts and her mother, Lucimarian Roberts, encapsulate resilience, faith and generations of joy in this slim and inspirational volume. Eighty-seven-year-old Lucimarian reflects concisely on a life buoyed by her deep love of music, as well as her commitment to her faith and civic service. The same musicality that steadied her as a young woman growing up in the segregated South, then marrying her husband of 53 years (who was a Tuskegee Airman), informs her descriptions of life traveling all over the world before making a home that was eventually imperiled by Hurricane Katrina. Excerpts of biblical passages and lyrics from her favorite spirituals add a devotional quality to the main narrative that is both endearing and uplifting. That the health challenges of both Roberts women are not addressed until late in the book underscores the main theme of the book: that victories surmount despair. The stories from journalist Robin about her mother add a sweet and conversational tone to the book. (*Apr.*)