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Press Release

For the 50th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*

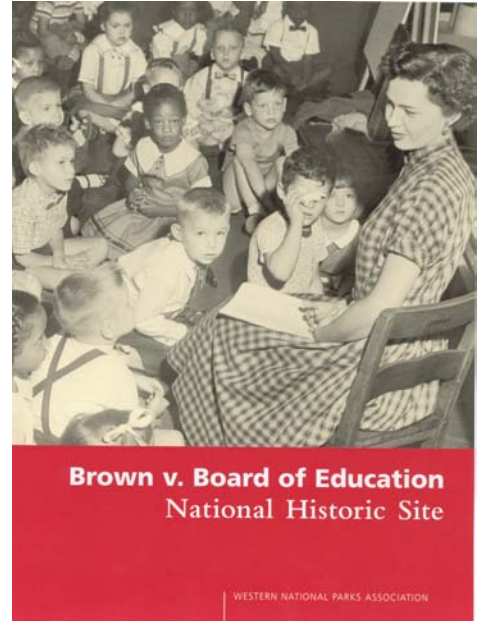
On May 17, 1954, the meaning of equality for all Americans came sharply into focus as the nation's highest court announced its decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*. The Supreme Court ended legally sanctioned segregation in public schools, forever changing the way Americans view equality.

The National Park Service will soon open Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas at the site of one of the schools involved in the decision. Working with the staff of that park, Western National Parks Association announces the publication of *Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site*. The book is a concise description of the historic decision, including an explanation of the legal groundwork laid by the NAACP and countless courageous individuals.

Readers will learn about the cases that led to *Brown v. Board*. They will learn also about the five cases that combined became known as *Brown*. Illustrated with photographs from the era, including those of some of the original plaintiffs, *Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site* is a valuable introduction to a historic legal decision.

Brown v. Board of Education by Mary Maruca
ISBN 1-58369-030-1
16 pages, 7 3/4 x 10, \$4.95

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