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She is the author of two books: **UNBOUGHT AND UNBOSSSED**, her autobiography; and **THE GOOD FIGHT**, the story of her 1972 bid for the Presidency. She is currently at work on her third book to be published in 1987.

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