**Book:** Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters’ First 100 Years

**Reviewed by:** Literacy Class

**Level of Difficulty:** Medium

**My thoughts about the book and its suitability for my group:**

This is the story of the Delaney sisters. Neither married, but lived together their entire lives. Coming from a middle-class black family in the South, one sister was the first black person to teach domestic science in New York, and the other was the second black female dentist in New York. The book is a memory of their lives together and the discrimination they faced, as well as a history lesson about the South after the Civil War, Harlem during its golden age, Langston Hughes and many other major black figures in the 20th century. The writing is straight forward, even if the topic is not.

**Students’ reactions to the book:**

The students enjoyed the book, especially because it is about real people and true events. Some were inspired by the sisters’ struggles and their achievements.

**Tips for other tutors who may want to use this book:**

To the extent the class is interested, the book could be used as a launching point to research some of the people and events mentioned in the book.