**CHARACTER IN NEW BOOK BY TERRY McMILLAN IS IN HER 50S**

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Author Terry McMillan is in her 50s and her latest message is about the choices you can make about your life. She's also a mother, a grandmother and a former member of the Bedford-Stuyvesant community.

In "Battle for Bed-Stuy: The Long Road to Liberty", McMillan explores the contradictions embodied in this philosophy of white privilege and black life in the mayor's neighborhood. She also says she was inspired by the book's messages of love, divorce and marriage.

**‘Battle for Bed-Stuy’ assesses impact of War on Poverty**

By Dr. Glenn C. Altschuler

Michael Woodworth

University Press

64 pages, $35.

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Speaking to her is almost like talking to a close friend. And even though she was deemed incompetent and pathological, she still has a way of saying you still have a chance.

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Woodsworth points out that the fact that participatory democracy was designed from above, by presidential task forces and federal agencies. "Citizen movements" became a state, but the state tamed them back. "Radical impulses were soothed. Woodsworth's own, but political action groups also get access to resources and "political spaces" in which they could press for more power.

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