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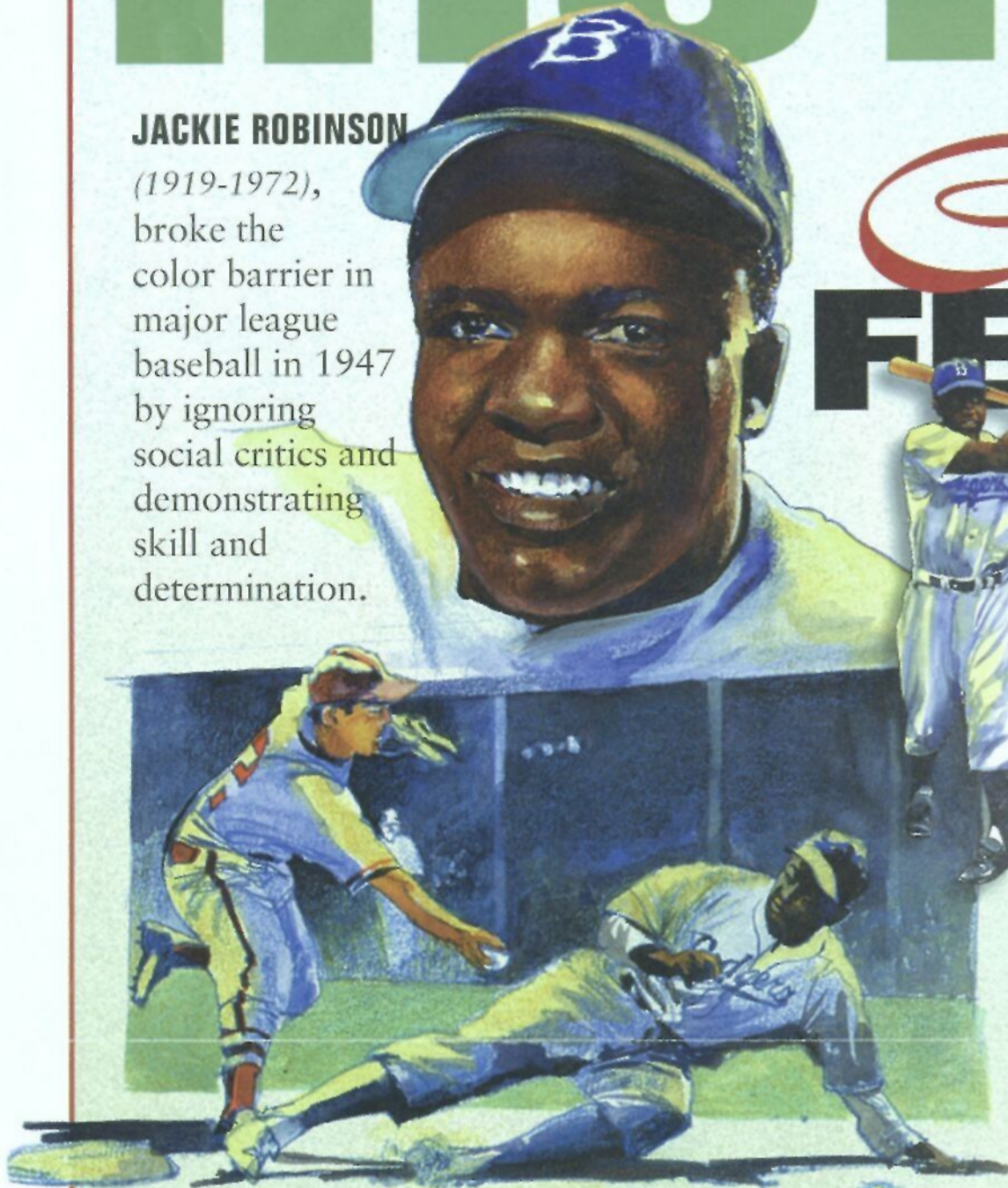
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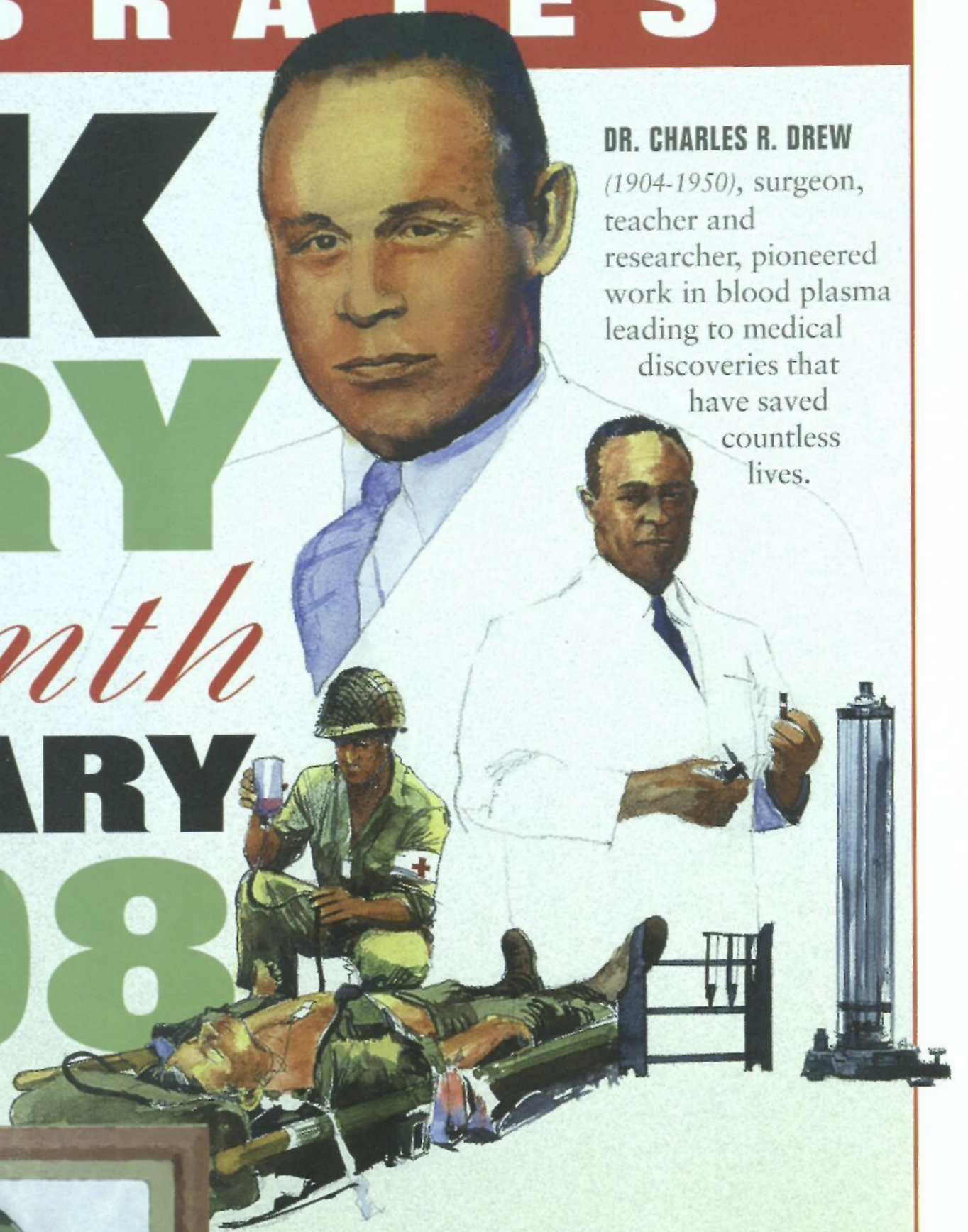
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JACKIE ROBINSON

(1919-1972), broke the color barrier in major league baseball in 1947 by ignoring social critics and demonstrating skill and determination.



DR. CHARLES R. DREW (1904-1950), surgeon, teacher and researcher, pioneered work in blood plasma leading to medical discoveries that have saved countless lives.



1ST LT. VERNON J. BAKER (1927-), the last of the World War II African-American soldiers still alive who earned the Medal of Honor for valor under fire in Germany on April 5, 1945. President Clinton presented Baker's award Jan. 13, 1997.



ROSA PARKS (1913-), longtime civil rights activist who was instrumental in ending bus segregation in Montgomery, Ala., in 1956. She continues to speak out for racial equality.



GORDON PARKS (1912-), renowned photographer, author, composer and film director; holds 14 honorary degrees and many national awards.

