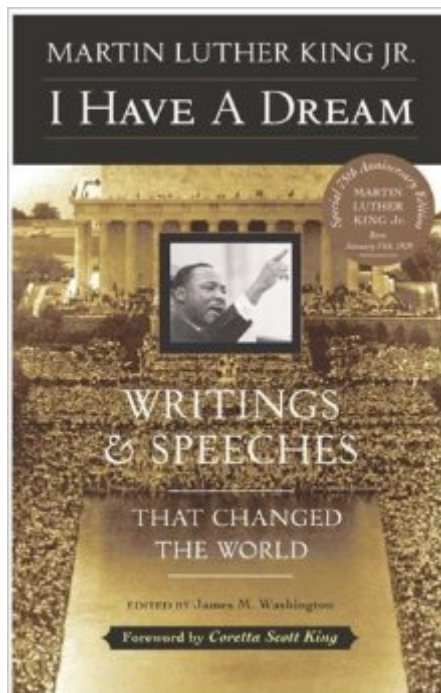


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Customer Reviews

"I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World," by Martin Luther King, Jr., is a fine collection of texts by this important figure. The book has been edited by James M. Washington. Coming in at less than 300 pages, this is a concise but meaty book. Washington includes King's most important texts: the "Letter from Birmingham Jail"; the "I Have a Dream" speech; his Nobel Prize acceptance speech; "My Trip to the Land of Gandhi"; "A Time to Break Silence," his 1967 speech criticizing the United States war in Vietnam, and more. These writings and speeches cover King's great themes: nonviolent resistance, the African-American civil rights movement, etc. Those seeking a more comprehensive collection of Kings' work should seek out "A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr." also edited by James M. Washington. At more than 700 pages, this is a truly monumental collection, and includes much material not found in "I Have a Dream": the 1965 "Playboy" interview, transcripts of television interviews, and more. But for those who want a shorter text that cuts to the heart of King's life and work, "I Have a Dream" is perfect. "I Have a Dream" reveals King to be a true Christian prophet, and a man with a global vision. As literature, these texts also show King to be the heir of such American thinkers as Henry David Thoreau and W.E.B. DuBois. Highly recommended.

This collection of Dr. King's writings includes all the major speeches -- such as I Have A Dream and I See the Promised Land, as well as important writings such as Letter from A Birmingham Jail. It also has great essays on the lessons Dr. King learned from Ghandi and a wonderful introduction from Mrs. King. This is a great collection to get started learning about Dr. King -- from his own pen. I highly recommend it.

Reading the speeches of Dr. King are inspiring. You get a glimpse into his mind and to genuinely understand the struggle he was up against. I'm not just referring to the Civil Rights movement. you also get insights into the responsibilities and pressure he felt as the leader of this movement. He was a man who changed history. This book offers glimpses into his humanity as well as his motivational and inspirational speeches. A must for anyone interested in American history, the Civil Rights movement or in biographies. It will continue to effect you long after you have put the book down.

Interestingly, I note that in the review title I wrote "hear" and not "read." Why? Because the words in this book are truly alive: reading it is like hearing MLK, Jr. himself here and speaking them today. What a gift! Although the book is not a complete compendium of all of his writings and speeches, it does contain an excellent representative sample of the wide scope of his ideas and works -- not just on Civil Rights per se, but also on the Viet Nam War, domestic and international politics, the economy, and human behavior; almost all of which is as accurate and applicable today as it was 50 years ago. Why then, only four stars? Because there was one thing about the book that was a little unsettling to me. In the "I Have a Dream" speech, which I read in the book along with watching a video of the speech itself, I found some discrepancies between what was written in the text of the book and the words MLK, Jr. actually spoke. These were relatively minor, but included an omitted sentence, a couple of omitted phrases, a substituted adjective, and a pair of reversed words. Whether or not there are similar discrepancies elsewhere in the book I don't know (and maybe these are just differences between written speech notes and what he actually said), but I would expect the editing of a book like this to ensure a perfect match between what was said in a speech and what is written in the book, especially for something as seminal as the "I Have a Dream" speech. This is not a reason not to buy the book, but it would be enough to make me want to verify any direct quotes from the book in cases where 100% accuracy is essential.

This book includes the most popular of Martin Luther King Jr's writings and speeches. The forward

by Coretta Scott King just adds to the already excellent book.

Being able to read just about every MLK speech makes this book worth it's price in gold! MLK, Churchill and JFK were just a few of the great speakers and this book gives one the pleasure of being able to read MLK's speeches once again.

Powerful and eloquent collection that shows how well read and intelligent Mr. King was. I was in my early 20's when he was most active and it is only now that I am able to see just how remarkable a man he was. Had he lived we might have a much better America today.

This collection of Martin Luther King sermons and speeches should be in every preachers' library and and, actually, an inspiring collection of readings for anyone interested in social justice. Still relevant and to the point.

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