The Radical King
Edited and introduced by Cornel West

A revealing collection that restores Dr. King as being every bit as radical as Malcolm X

Every year, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is celebrated as one of the greatest orators in US history, an ambassador for nonviolence who became perhaps the most recognizable leader of the civil rights movement. But after more than forty years, few people appreciate how truly radical he was.

“Although much of America did not know the radical King—and too few know today—the FBI and US government did. They called him ‘the most dangerous man in America.’ . . . This book unearths a radical King that we can no longer sanitize.” -Cornel West

“In a Single Garment of Destiny”: A Global Vision of Justice
Edited and Introduced by Lewis V. Baldwin, Foreword by Charlayne Hunger-Gault

An unprecedented and timely collection that captures the global vision of Dr. King in his own words

Too many people continue to think of Dr. King only as “a southern civil rights leader” or “an American Gandhi,” thus ignoring his impact on poor and oppressed people around the world.

From the pages of this extraordinary collection, King emerges not only as an advocate for global human rights but also as a towering figure who collaborated with international figures in addressing a multitude of issues we still struggle with today—from racism, poverty, and war to religious bigotry and intolerance.
A Time to Break Silence: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. for Students
Introduced by Walter Dean Meyers

The first collection of MLK’s essential writings for high school students and young people with eighteen selections including “I Have a Dream,” “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” and “What Is Your Life’s Blueprint?”

“In your life’s blueprint should be a deep belief in your own dignity, your own worth, and your own somebodiness. Don’t allow anybody to make you feel that you are nobody. However young you are, you have a responsibility to seek to make your nation a better nation in which to live. You have a responsibility to seek to make life better for everybody. And so you must be involved in the struggle for freedom and justice.” -from “What Is Your Life’s Blueprint?”

“All Labor Has Dignity”
Edited and Introduced by Michael K. Honey

People forget that Dr. King was every bit as committed to economic justice as he was to ending racial segregation. He fought throughout his life to connect the labor and civil rights movements, envisioning them as twin pillars for social reform. As we struggle with massive unemployment, a staggering racial wealth gap, and the near collapse of a financial system that puts profits before people, King’s prophetic writings and speeches underscore his relevance for today. They help us imagine King anew: as a human rights leader whose commitment to unions and an end to poverty was a crucial part of his civil rights agenda. Unprecedented and timely, “All Labor Has Dignity” will more fully restore our understanding of King’s lasting vision of economic justice, bringing his demand for equality right into the present.

The Trumpet of Conscience
Forewords by Coretta Scott King and Marian Wright Edelman

MLK’s final statements on racism, poverty, war, and the civil rights movement

In November and December 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered five lectures for the renowned Massey Lecture Series of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The collection was immediately released as a book under the title Conscience for Change, but after King’s assassination in 1968, it was republished as The Trumpet of Conscience. The collection sums up his lasting creed and is his final testament on racism, poverty, and war. Each oration in this volume encompasses a distinct theme and speaks prophetically to today’s perils, addressing issues of equality, conscience and war, the mobilization of young people, and nonviolence.
Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos of Community
Foreword by Coretta Scott King, Introduced by Vincent Harding

The last book written by King after a decade of civil rights struggles

In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., isolated himself from the demands of the civil rights movement, rented a house in Jamaica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript. In this prophetic work, which has been unavailable for more than ten years, he lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America’s future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education. With a universal message of hope that continues to resonate, King demanded an end to global suffering, asserting that humankind—for the first time—has the resources and technology to eradicate poverty.

Why We Can’t Wait
Introduced by Dorothy Cotton

Dr. King’s best-selling account of the civil rights movement in Birmingham during the spring and summer of 1963

On April 16, 1963, as the violent events of the Birmingham campaign unfolded in the city's streets, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., composed a letter from his prison cell in response to local religious leaders’ criticism of the campaign. The resulting piece of extraordinary protest writing, “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” was widely circulated and published in numerous periodicals. After the conclusion of the campaign and the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963, King further developed the ideas introduced in the letter in Why We Can’t Wait, which tells the story of African American activism in the spring and summer of 1963.

Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story
Introduced by Clayborne Carson

The classic story of nonviolent resistance in America

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s account of the first successful large-scale application of nonviolent resistance in America is comprehensive, revelatory, and intimate. King described his book as “the chronicle of 50,000 Negroes who took to heart the principles of nonviolence, who learned to fight for their rights with the weapon of love, and who, in the process, acquired a new estimate of their own human worth.” It traces the phenomenal journey of a community, and shows how the twenty-six-year-old King, with his conviction for equality and nonviolence, helped transform the nation and the world.
A Gift of Love: Sermons from Strength to Love and Other Preachings
Forewords by Coretta Scott King and The Rev. Dr Raphael Warnock

As Dr. King prepared for the Birmingham campaign in early 1963, he drafted the final sermons for Strength to Love, a volume of his best-known homilies. King had begun working on the sermons during a fortnight in jail in July 1962 having been arrested for holding a prayer vigil outside Albany City Hall. While behind bars, he spent uninterrupted time preparing the drafts for classic sermons such as “Loving Your Enemies,” “Love in Action,” and “Shattered Dreams.”

A Gift of Love includes these classic sermons, along with two new preachings. Collectively they present King’s fusion of Christian teachings and social consciousness, and promote his prescient vision of love as a social and political force for change.

Version sold in French, Hungarian and Italian

“Thou, Dear God”: Prayers That Open Hearts and Spirits
Edited and Introduced by Lewis V. Baldwin, Foreword by The Rev. Dr Julius R. Scriggs

“Thou, Dear God“ is the first and only collection of sixty-eight prayers by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Arranged thematically in six parts—with prayers for spiritual guidance, special occasions, times of adversity, times of trial, uncertain times, and social justice—Baptist minister and King scholar Lewis Baldwin introduces the book and each section with short essays. Included are both personal and public prayers King recited as a seminarian, graduate student, preacher, pastor, and, finally, civil rights leader, along with a special section that reveals the biblical sources that most inspired King. Collectively they illustrate how King turned to private prayer for his own spiritual fulfillment and to public prayer as a way to move, inspire, and reaffirm a quest for peace and social justice.