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**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** (1929–1968), Nobel Peace Prize laureate and architect of the nonviolent civil rights movement, was among the twentieth century’s most influential figures. One of the greatest orators in U.S. history, Dr. King is the author of several books, including *Where Do We Go From Here* (Beacon Press). His speeches, sermons, and writings are inspirational and timeless classics. Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

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# New Collections

**Martin Luther King, Jr., edited and with introduction by Cornel West**  
*The Radical King*

**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 one of the most recognizable leaders of the civil rights movement. But after more than forty years, few people appreciate how truly radical he was. Arranged thematically in four parts, *The Radical King* includes twenty-one selections, curated and introduced by Cornel West, that illustrate King's revolutionary Christian vision as a democratic socialist, underscoring his identification with the poor, his unapologetic opposition to the Vietnam War, and his crusade against global imperialism.

**Cornel West** is a prominent and provocative democratic intellectual. A current professor at Union Theological Seminary, he has also taught at Yale, Harvard, and Princeton. The recipient of more than twenty honorary degrees, he has written many important books, including *Race Matters* and *Democracy Matters*. He appears frequently on Real Time with Bill Maher, The Colbert Report, CNN, C-SPAN, and other national and international media. He lives in Princeton, New Jersey, and in New York City.

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**Martin Luther King, Jr., with introduction by Walter Dean Myers**

***A Time to Break Silence***

The Essential Works of Martin Luther King, Jr., for Students

**The first collection of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'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?"**

*A Time to Break Silence* presents the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s most important writings and speeches, carefully selected by teachers across a variety of disciplines, in an accessible and user-friendly volume for students. Arranged thematically in six parts, the collection includes eighteen selections and is introduced by award-winning author Walter Dean Myers. Included are some of Dr. King's most well-known and frequently taught classic works, like "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and "I Have a Dream," as well as lesser-known pieces such as "The Sword that Heals" and "What Is Your Life's Blueprint?," which speak to issues young people face today.

**Walter Dean Myers** is a critically acclaimed best-selling author of more than eighty books for children and young adults. In 2012, Myers was named National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

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**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
***“In A Single Garment of Destiny”***  
A Global Vision of Justice

Edited and Introduced by Lewis V. Baldwin  
Foreword by Charlayne Hunter-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. *“In a Single Garment of Destiny”* is the first book to treat King's positions on global liberation struggles through the prism of his own words and activities.

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 Eleanor Roosevelt, Albert J. Luthuli, Thich Nhat Hanh, and other national and international figures in addressing a multitude of issues we still struggle with today--from racism, poverty, and war to religious bigotry and intolerance. Introduced and edited by distinguished King scholar Lewis Baldwin, this volume breaks new ground in our understanding of King.

**Lewis V. Baldwin** is professor of religious studies at Vanderbilt University and an ordained Baptist minister. An expert on black-church traditions, he is author of *The Voice of Conscience: The Church in the Mind of Martin Luther King, Jr.*; *There Is a Balm in Gilead: The Cultural Roots of Martin Luther King, Jr.*; and *Never to Leave Us Alone: The Prayer Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Charlayne Hunter-Gault** is an author, journalist, and foreign correspondent for National Public Radio. In 1961, she was one of two black students to desegregate the University of Georgia.

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# New Editions of Classic King

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

***Stride Toward Freedom***

The Montgomery Story

Introduction by Clayborne Carson

**The classic story of nonviolent resistance in America—the Montgomery bus boycott—written by Martin Luther King, Jr.**

In early 1957, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., set out to write about the Montgomery bus boycott. King described his book as —the chronicle of fifty thousand 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.

Released the next year, *Stride Toward Freedom* was lauded by the general public and literary critics, often labeled “must read.” Unavailable for almost a decade, King’s unparalleled historical account of the first successful large-scale application of nonviolent resistance in America is now must reading for a new generation of readers. In this revelatory work, King shares ideas of the thinkers, like Gandhi, who profoundly influenced him, and why.

“Martin Luther King’s early words return to us today with enormous power, as profoundly true, as wise and inspiring, now as when he wrote them fifty years ago.”—Howard Zinn

**Clayborne Carson** is professor of history at Stanford University, the founding director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute, and director of the King Papers Project. The author and editor of numerous books, he is general editorial advisor to the King Legacy and lives in Palo Alto, California.

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**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
*Where Do We Go From Here*  
Chaos or Community?

Foreword by Coretta Scott King

Introduction by Vincent Harding

**The last book written by King—his final reflections after a decade of civil rights struggles**

In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., isolated himself from the demands of the movement, rented a house in Jamaica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript. In this important work, which has been unavailable for more than ten years, we find King's acute analysis of American race relations and the state of the movement after a decade of civil rights efforts.

King lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education. Today, as African American communities stand to lose more wealth than any other demographic during this economic crisis, King's call for economic equality and sustainability is especially pertinent. 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.

**Coretta Scott King** (1927–2006), the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., was an American author and human rights activist. She helped lead the civil rights movement after King's assassination, carrying the message of nonviolence and the dream of a beloved community to many countries, and spearheading coalitions and foundations.

Civil rights activist **Vincent Harding** was a friend and colleague of King and worked with Coretta Scott King to establish the King Center in Atlanta, serving as its first director. A distinguished theologian and historian, he is the award-winning author of several books and lives in Denver, Colorado.

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**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
***The Trumpet of Conscience***

Original foreword by Coretta Scott King

New foreword by Marian Wright Edelman

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

In November and December 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered five lectures for the renowned Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Massey Lecture Series. The collection was immediately released by the CBC under the title *Conscience for Change*, but after King's assassination in 1968, the book was republished by Harper & Row as *The Trumpet of Conscience*.

Each oration found here encompasses a distinct theme and speaks prophetically to today's perils, addressing issues of racial equality, conscience and war, the mobilization of young people, and nonviolence. In addition, this attractive gift package includes the original audio recording of King delivering two of the lectures, "Conscience and the Vietnam War" and "A Christmas Sermon on Peace," the latter a powerful, concluding speech that was a live broadcast of his 1967 Christmas Eve sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church. These orations illustrate how King never lost sight of our shared goals for justice.

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**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
*Why We Can't Wait*

Introduction by Dorothy Cotton

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

In 1963, Birmingham, Alabama, was perhaps the most racially segregated city in the United States, but the campaign launched by Fred Shuttlesworth, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and others demonstrated to the world the power of nonviolent direct action.

Often applauded as King's most incisive and eloquent book, *Why We Can't Wait* recounts the Birmingham campaign in vivid detail, while underscoring why 1963 was such a crucial year for the civil rights movement. King examines the history of the civil rights struggle and the tasks that future generations must accomplish to bring about full equality. The book also includes the extraordinary "Letter from Birmingham Jail," which King wrote in April of 1963.

**Dorothy Cotton** is the former education director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and she worked closely with Dr. King on teaching nonviolence and citizenship education.

"No child should graduate from high school without having read this book. In telling the story of the third American Revolution, it is as integral to American history as the Declaration of Independence."  
—Jesse Jackson

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**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
***“All Labor Has Dignity”***

Edited and introduced by Michael K. Honey

**An unprecedented and timely collection of Dr. King’s speeches on labor rights and economic justice**

People forget that Dr. King was every bit as committed to economic justice as he was to ending racial segregation. As we struggle with massive unemployment, a staggering racial wealth gap, and the near collapse of our financial system, King’s prophetic writings and speeches underscore his relevance for today.

Hitting all the civil rights movement highlights—Montgomery, Selma, Memphis, Albany, and Birmingham—award-winning historian Michael Honey traces King’s economic dream, from lectures to unions in the 1960s to addresses during his Poor People’s Campaign, culminating with his momentous “Mountaintop” speech, delivered in support of striking black sanitation workers in Memphis.

Gathered in one volume for the first time, the majority of these speeches will be new to most readers. They help us imagine King anew: as a human rights leader whose commitment to economic justice was a crucial part of his civil rights agenda.

**Michael K. Honey**, a former Southern civil rights organizer, is professor of labor and ethnic history and of humanities at the University of Washington-Tacoma. The author of three books, including *Going Down Jericho Road: The Memphis Strike, Martin Luther King’s Last Campaign*, he lives in Tacoma.

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# The Spiritual King

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*Thou, Dear God*

Prayers that Open Hearts and Sprits

Edited and Introduced by Lewis V. Baldwin

**The first and only collection of prayers by Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*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. With a foreword by Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, it is the perfect gift for people and leaders of all faiths, and an invaluable resource for spiritual individuals and those who lead worship.

“My father believed that prayer was essential to daily living, not just in times of struggle and fear, but in times of great joy and great love as well. ‘*Thou, Dear God*’ celebrates his profound love of God and God’s presence in our lives, and brings his inspiring words of grace to all of us. Through my father’s own prayers, we can experience God’s love and wisdom in every aspect of our lives, and just as he did, use our own prayer life to keep changing the world.”—Dr. Bernice A. King

**Lewis V. Baldwin** is professor of religious studies at Vanderbilt University and an ordained Baptist minister. An expert on black-church traditions, he is author of *The Voice of Conscience: The Church in the Mind of Martin Luther King, Jr.*; *There Is a Balm in Gilead: The Cultural Roots of Martin Luther King, Jr.*; and *Never to Leave Us Alone: The Prayer Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

***A Gift of Love***

Sermons from *Strength to Love* and Other Preachings

Foreword by Coretta Scott King

New Foreword by the Reverend Dr. Raphael G. Warnock

**The classic collection of sixteen sermons preached and compiled by Dr. King**

As Dr. King prepared for the Birmingham campaign in early 1963, he drafted the final sermons for *Strength to Love*, a volume of his most well-known homilies. King had begun working on the sermons during a fortnight in jail in July 1962. While behind bars, he spent uninterrupted time preparing the drafts for works such as “Loving Your Enemies” and “Shattered Dreams,” and he continued to edit the volume after his release. Revised in a fresh new edition, *A Gift of Love* includes these classic sermons, along with two new sermons. 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.

**Coretta Scott King** (1927–2006), the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., was an American author and human rights activist.

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