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**King Returns to Washington** University of Georgia Press

The story of the rise to prominence of America's most influential black leader. Join Jesse on his extraordinary journey across the American political landscape -- from his days as a young civil rights activist working with Martin Luther King, Jr., to his two riveting campaigns for president.

**With Malice Toward None** Beacon Press

Is the American Dream real? Do we have a right to it, or is it just suggestion? Where did it come from? Joseph Amico, the son of Sicilian immigrants, provides the answers to these key questions in this essay on American history and politics. More importantly, he explains why the dream is in jeopardy and how it can be saved. Raised a Catholic, Amico became a skeptic of politics and government after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Later, when Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy were killed, he knew something was seriously wrong. With the war in Vietnam raging, he joined the antiwar and civil rights movements. Immersed in the politics of the day, he saw only one answer to the nation's problems: social revolution. Now, looking both at the history and present state of the US, Amico explores what is needed to for the nation to move forward—to find a better way of doing things. Our political forefathers promoted radical principles that helped the United States and its people prosper. While we can still move in that direction, it won't happen by listening to radio and television pundits who distort the views of our forefathers. We must revisit the

principles that our country was founded on and let what we know to be the truth become reality. Amico, an ordinary citizen, seeks to shed some light on this complex subject so that “we the people” can claim what’s rightfully ours instead of just dreaming.

**Martin L. King Jr. on Politicians & Oligarchs** Harvard University Press

Keen to learn but short on time? Get to grips with the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. in next to no time with this concise guide. 50Minutes.com provides a clear and engaging analysis of the life and political activism of Martin Luther King, Jr. In the mid-20th century, black Americans continued to experience widespread segregation and discrimination. This gave rise to a dynamic Civil Rights Movement which demanded equal treatment for all Americans. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a key figure in this movement, and the lasting impact of his powerful speeches and peaceful methods means that he remains one of the most widely known and admired political activists in the world. In just 50 minutes you will: • Learn about the various discriminatory measures affecting African-Americans from the Civil War onwards • Discover the role of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his doctrine of non-violence in the Civil Rights Movement • Understand the impact of King’s actions and his continuing legacy in America and beyond ABOUT 50MINUTES.COM | History & Culture 50MINUTES.COM will enable you to quickly understand the main events, people, conflicts and discoveries from world history that have shaped the world we live in today. Our publications present the key information on a wide variety of topics in a quick and accessible way that is guaranteed to save you time on your journey of discovery.

*I Shared the Dream* Quercus

Ramin Jahanbegloo elucidates the central concepts in the moral and political thought of Martin Luther King Jr., bringing out the subtlety, potency, and

universal importance of his concepts of Agape love and non-violence, the Beloved Community and revolution of values, and his view of the relation between justice and compassion in politics.

*Nine Days* 50Minutes.com

In this landmark autobiography by one of the very first women treated as a peer by the leaders of the Civil Rights movement, former Kentucky State Senator Georgia Davis breaks her long silence to reveal her fascinating life story, including the truth regarding her often hinted-about relationship with Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*The Making of Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement* Oxford University Press

Though there are several studies devoted to aspects of Martin Luther King Jr.'s intellectual thought, there has been no comprehensive study of his overarching theory of political service. In *The Drum Major Instinct*, Justin Rose draws on Martin Luther King Jr.'s sermons, political speeches, and writings to construct and conceptualize King's politics as a unified theory. Rose argues that King's theoretical framework—as seen throughout his wide body of writings—has three central components. First, King posited that all of humanity is tied to an “inescapable network of mutuality” such that no member of society can fully flourish if there are structural barriers preventing others from flourishing. Second, King's theory required that Americans cultivate a sense of love and concern for their fellow members of society, which would motivate them to work collectively toward transforming others and structures of injustice. Finally, King contended that all members of society have the responsibility to participate in collective forms of resistance. This meant that even the oppressed were obligated to engage in political service. Therefore, marginalized people's struggles against injustice were considered an essential aspect of service. Taken together, King's theory of political service calls on all Americans, but especially black Americans, to engage in other-centered, collective action aimed at transforming themselves, others, and structures of injustice. By fully exploring King's thoughts on service, *The Drum Major Instinct* is an invaluable resource toward understanding how King wanted us all to work to create a more just, democratic society and how his thoughts continue to resonate in contemporary struggles.

**Jesse Jackson** University of Georgia Press

Martin Luther King (1929-1968) was the dominant force in the civil rights movement in the decade before his death. With his genius for rhetoric and his passionate advocacy of non-violent protest, King, like Gandhi, is a modern icon of the possibilities of political activism. He was at the centre of many of the key events in the struggle for equal rights for non-whites in America: he organised the boycott of the (segregated) buses of Montgomery, Alabama; was arrested for his role in mass protest in Birmingham; and was a keynote speaker, delivering his famous 'I have a dream' speech, at the historic March on Washington. He was Time magazine's Man of the Year in 1963 and a few months later became the youngest person ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize. From the mid-1960s until his assassination in 1968, King widened his political concerns to protest against the Vietnam war and the evils of poverty. His birthday is now a national holiday in the United States.

*Exodus and Liberation* Lexington Books

To Shape a New WorldHarvard University Press

*Martin Luther King, Jr* Open Road Media

Dr. King was correct when he stated that Black political leaders are surrogates for White power. The destruction of Black leadership by White liberals is the most damaging crisis effecting the Black community. Until this problem is solved, we should not expect anything positive to develop out of the unholy alliance between African American politicians and White liberals. Black leadership is dead. They abandoned King's philosophy of direct confrontation, which was responsible for the gains African Americans made in the 1960's. Real Black leadership was destroyed by White liberals, and replaced by what Dr. King called "manufactured leaders." These corporate appointed leaders are disconnected from the community. They serve at the behest of their political handlers. The uncritical support for the Democratic Party platform, and especially weak neoliberal politicians has placed the Black community in an extremely vulnerable position. They lack direction because of their inability to select leaders to represent their interest. Since the Black community is not permitted to choose the best individuals to represent their concerns, they are made to accept the weak candidates forced upon them by oligarchs. Product Details Format: Paperback Language: English Release Date: May 2021 Publisher: Guidinglight Books International Length:252 Pages Weight:0.88 lbs. Dimensions:0.6" x 6.0" x 9.0" Age Range:18 years and up Grade Range: Postsecondary and higher

*Martin Luther King* Random House

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. During this time, Birmingham, Alabama, was perhaps the most racially segregated city in the United States, but the campaign launched by King, Fred Shuttlesworth, 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. Disappointed by the slow pace of school desegregation and civil rights legislation, King observed that by 1963—during which the country celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation—Asia and Africa were “moving with jetlike speed toward gaining political independence but we still creep at a horse-and-buggy pace.” King examines the history of the civil rights struggle, noting tasks that future generations must accomplish to bring about full equality, and asserts that African Americans have already waited over three centuries for civil rights and that it is time to be proactive: “For years now, I have heard the word ‘Wait!’ It rings in the ear of every Negro with piercing familiarity. This ‘Wait’ has almost always meant ‘Never.’ We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that ‘justice too long delayed is justice denied.’”

*Martin Luther King, Jr* Langham Publishing

"This report is an examination of the political activities and associations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., principally from the beginning of his work in the

civil rights movement in the mid 1950s until his death in 1968"--Introduction.

*One Dream Or Two?* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

This volume explores the development of Martin Luther King, Jr's understanding of the relationship between religion, morality, law and politics. This work is part of a broader effort by scholars in various fields to examine unexplored areas in the life, thought and activism of Martin Luther King, Jr. This study is also an in-depth analysis of King's views on the roles that religion and morality ought to play, not only in public debate concerning political choices and law, but also in efforts to create political and legal structures that are just and to perpetuate participatory democracy. Beginning with the social, political and economic implications of King's vision of the New South and his prophetic critique of southern civil religion, this study casts King in the role of political liberal, consummate politician and political theologian. This book focuses attention on King's refusal to separate religious faith and moral considerations from politics, legal matters and social reformism. It demonstrates King's remarkable ability to transcend church-state boundaries and to formulate an alliance that permeated every facet of American life.

**The Drum Major Instinct** Wipf and Stock Publishers

"[A] masterly and often riveting account of King's ordeal and the 1960 'October Surprise' that may have altered the course of modern American political history." —Raymond Arsenault, The New York Times Book Review (Editors' Choice) The authors of Douglass and Lincoln present fully for the first time the story of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s imprisonment in the days leading up to the 1960 presidential election and the efforts of three of John F. Kennedy's civil rights staffers who went rogue to free him—a move that changed the face of the Democratic Party and propelled Kennedy to the White House. Less than three weeks before the 1960 presidential election, thirty-one-year-old Martin Luther King, Jr. was arrested at a sit-in at Rich's Department Store in Atlanta. That day would lead to the first night King had ever spent in jail—and the time that King's family most feared for his life. An earlier, minor traffic ticket served as a pretext for keeping King locked up, and later for a harrowing nighttime transfer to Reidsville, the notorious Georgia state prison where Black inmates worked on chain gangs overseen by violent white guards. While King's imprisonment was decried as a moral scandal in some quarters and celebrated in others, for the two presidential candidates—John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon—it was the ultimate October surprise: an emerging and controversial civil rights leader was languishing behind bars, and the two campaigns raced to decide whether, and how, to respond. Stephen and Paul Kendrick's *Nine Days* tells the incredible story of what happened next. In 1960, the Civil Rights Movement was growing increasingly inventive and energized while white politicians favored the corrosive tactics of silence and stalling—but an audacious team in the Kennedy campaign's Civil Rights Section (CRS) decided to act. In an election when Black voters seemed poised to split their votes between the candidates, the CRS convinced Kennedy to agitate for King's release, sometimes even going behind his back in their quest to secure his freedom. Over the course of nine extraordinary October days, the leaders of the CRS—pioneering Black journalist Louis Martin, future Pennsylvania senator Harris Wofford, and Sargent Shriver, the founder of the Peace Corps—worked to tilt a tight election in Kennedy's favor and bring about a revolution in party affiliation whose consequences are still integral to the practice of politics today. Based on fresh interviews, newspaper accounts, and extensive archival research, *Nine Days* is the first full recounting of an event that changed the course of one of the closest elections in American history. Much more than a political thriller, it is also the story of the first time King refused bail and came to terms with the dangerous course of his mission to change a nation. At once a story of electoral machinations, moral courage, and, ultimately, the triumph of a future president's better angels, *Nine Days* is a gripping tale with important lessons for our own time.

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Poor People's Campaign of 1968** Ballantine Books

Tracing a series of political crises in Anglo-American history from the 16th-century Reformation to the civil rights movement Coffey excavates the history of deliverance politics testifying to the powerful political appeal of the Exodus, the Jubilee and the biblical language of liberty.

*The Revolution of Values* Farrar, Straus and Giroux

This book is openly available in digital formats thanks to a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Many of today's insurgent Black movements call for an end to racial capitalism. They take aim at policing and mass incarceration, the racial partitioning of workplaces and residential communities, the expropriation and underdevelopment of Black populations at home and abroad. Scholars and activists increasingly regard these practices as essential technologies of capital accumulation, evidence that capitalist societies past and present enshrine racial inequality as a matter of course. In *Prophet of Discontent*, Andrew J. Douglas and Jared A. Loggins invoke contemporary discourse on racial capitalism in a powerful reassessment of Martin Luther King Jr.'s thinking and legacy. Like today's organizers, King was more than a dreamer. He knew that his call for a “radical revolution of values” was complicated by the production and circulation of value under capitalism. He knew that the movement to build the beloved community required sophisticated analyses of capitalist imperialism, state violence, and racial formations, as well as unflinching solidarity with the struggles of the Black working class. Shining new light on King's largely implicit economic and political theories, and expanding appreciation of the Black radical tradition to which he belonged, Douglas and Loggins reconstruct, develop, and carry forward King's strikingly prescient critique of capitalist society.

**Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.** Haus Publishing

Exploring the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial (King Memorial) in Washington, DC through a multi-faceted rhetorical analysis of the site's visual and textual components, Jefferson Walker reveals multiple critical, popular, privileged, and vernacular interpretations of the site and Dr. Martin Luther King's memory. Walker argues that the King Memorial and its related texts help to universalize and institutionalize King's ethos - creating a contentious rhetorical battleground where various people and organizations contest the "ownership" and use of King's memory. Walker uses these analyses to uncover how the site contributes to the public memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Civil Rights and the Idea of Freedom* Springer

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*Just Dreaming* To Shape a New World

*Civil Rights and the Idea of Freedom* is a groundbreaking work, one of the first to show in detail how the civil rights movement crystallized our views of citizenship as a grassroots-level, collective endeavor and of self-respect as a formidable political tool. Drawing on both oral and written sources,

Richard H. King shows how rank-and-file movement participants defined and discussed such concepts as rights, equality, justice, and, in particular, freedom, and how such key movement leaders as Martin Luther King Jr., Ella Baker, Stokely Carmichael, and James Forman were attuned to this "freedom talk." The book includes chapters on the concept of freedom in its many varieties, both individual and collective; on self-interest and self-respect; on Martin Luther King's use of the idea of freedom; and on the intellectual evolution of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, especially in light of Frantz Fanon's thought among movement radicals. In demonstrating that self-respect, self-determination, and solidarity were as central to the goals of the movement as the dismantling of the Jim Crow system, King argues that the movement's success should not be measured in terms of tangible, quantifiable advances alone, such as voter registration increases or improved standards of living. Not only has the civil rights movement helped strengthen the meaning and political importance of active citizenship in the contemporary world, says King, but "what was at first a political goal became, in the 1970s and 1980s, the impetus for the academic and intellectual rediscovery and reinterpretation of the Afro-American cultural and historical experience."

*Judgment Days* Negro Universities Press

This book introduces new audiences to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s final initiative, the multiracial Poor People's Campaign (PPC) of 1968. Robert Hamilton depicts the experience of poor people who traveled to Washington in May 1968 to dramatize the issue of poverty by building a temporary city, Resurrection City. His narrative allows us to hear their voices and understand the strategies, objectives, and organization of the campaign. In addition, he highlights the campaign's educational aspect, showing that significant social movements are a means by which societies learn about

themselves and framing the PPC as an initiative whose example can teach and inspire current and future generations. The study thus situates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and teachings in relation to current events and further solidifies Dr. King's cultural and sociopolitical relevance. In the decades since 1968, we have seen increasing global inequality leading to greater social polarization, including in the United States. Hamilton offers the insight that the radical politics of Dr. King—as represented in the civil rights and human rights agendas of the PPC—can help us understand and address the challenges of this polarization. Hamilton highlights Dr. King's commitment to ending poverty and explains why Dr. King's ideas on this and related issues should be brought to the attention of a wider public who often view him almost exclusively as a civil rights, but not a human rights, leader.

*The Revolution of Values* NYU Press

This dual biography of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. upends longstanding preconceptions to transform our understanding of the twentieth century's most iconic African American leaders. To most Americans, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. represent contrasting ideals: self-defense vs. nonviolence, black power vs. civil rights, the sword vs. the shield. The struggle for black freedom is wrought with the same contrasts. While nonviolent direct action is remembered as an unassailable part of American democracy, the movement's militancy is either vilified or erased outright. In *The Sword and the Shield*, Peniel E. Joseph upends these misconceptions and reveals a nuanced portrait of two men who, despite markedly different backgrounds, inspired and pushed each other throughout their adult lives. This is a strikingly revisionist biography, not only of Malcolm and Martin, but also of the movement and era they came to define.

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