



Dear Senator: A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond

By Essie Mae Washington-Williams, William Stadiem

HarperCollins Publishers Inc. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Dear Senator: A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond, Essie Mae Washington-Williams, William Stadiem, Breaking nearly eight decades of silence, Essie Mae Washington-Williams comes forward with a story of unique historical magnitude and incredible human drama. Her father, the late Strom Thurmond, was once the nation's leading voice for racial segregation (one of his signature political achievements was his 24-hour filibuster against the Civil Rights Act of 1957, done in the name of saving the South from "mongrelization"). Her mother, however, was a black teenager named Carrie Butler who worked as a maid on the Thurmond family's South Carolina plantation. Set against the explosively changing times of the civil rights movement, this poignant memoir recalls how she struggled with the discrepancy between the father she knew-one who was financially generous, supportive of her education, even affectionate-and the Old Southern politician, railing against greater racial equality, who refused to acknowledge her publicly. From her richly told narrative, as well as the letters she and Thurmond wrote to each other over the years, emerges a nuanced, fascinating portrait of a father who counseled his daughter about her dreams and goals,...



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Dear Senator is an amazing book written with candour, honesty, humour and sadness by the biracial daughter of the racist Senator Strom Thurmond who died in 2003. I read the book from cover to cover on the day that it arrived through the post; sadly it is not a book you can get easily here in the UK. Essie Washington Williams's memoir of her life as the half-black daughter of "Dixiecrat" Senator Strom Thurmond is seasoned with grace, humor, warmth, and love, which help to mitigate the harsh realities of her circumstances. Williams looks at her father with a clear-eyed compassion. She first learned of her parentage when she was a teenager; she had no choice but to make allowances for the segregated society in which her father was a political mover and shaker. Recalling that moment in her memoir, Dear Senator, Essie Mae wrote: "I took the comment personally and was deeply flattered by it." Thurmond translated another Latin phrase on the seal, then offered some advice: "You must learn Latin, Essie Mae. It'll help you with a lot of things." Throughout his long career, Thurmond maintained a guarded relationship with his black daughter. He met with Essie Mae frequently, usually in his office, and they occasionally argued about race and politics. Thurmond put her through college and helped to support her family for decades, handing her envelopes containing \$100 bills—more than \$100,000 over half a century. But he never publicly acknowledged that they were kin. Strom Thurmond. While her mother, who was black, served as the Thurmonds' maid, she had an affair with the future senator. Thurmond, from South Carolina, long opposed integration. Washington-Williams has a new memoir, Dear Senator: A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond. 'Dear Senator,' from Strom Thurmond's Daughter. Listen. Strom Thurmond made a name for himself as a staunch Republican that was against the integration of black and white Americans, and he never publicly acknowledged his daughter Essie Mae Washington-Williams. Passed away: Essie Mae Washington-Williams, who revealed in 2003 that she was the daughter of segregationist Senator Strom Thurmond, died today in South Carolina. The identity of her famous father was rumored for decades in political circles and the black community. She later said she kept his secret because, 'He trusted me, and I respected him.' Secret Daughter: A Mixed-Race Daughter and the Mother Who Gave Her Away. Find this Pin and more on Books by Amy Grundy. Tags. I Love Books. Wild Boys and Feral Girls. Savage Girls and Wild Boys: A History of Feral Children by Newton, Michael and a great selection of related books, art and collectibles available now at AbeBooks.com. Johanna Marshall Good books. Awkward Text Messages Awkward Texts Awkward Funny Silly Pictures Funny Photos Friday Movie Quotes Epic Fail Texts Fun Movie Facts Life Hacks Shopping.