



## Dear Senator: A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond

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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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The illegitimate daughter of the late Senator Strom Thurmond breaks her lifelong silence. Her father, the longtime senator from South Carolina, was once the nation's leading voice for racial segregation; he mounted a filibuster against the Civil Rights Act of 1957 -- in the name of saving the South from "mongrelization.". Her mother was Carrie Butler, a black teenager who worked as a maid on the Thurmond family's South Carolina plantation. The memoir reveals a brave young woman who struggled with the discrepancy between the father she knew -- financially generous, supportiv In Dear Senator, Essie Mae Washington-Williams -- daughter of the late Senator Strom Thurmond -- breaks her lifelong silence and tells the story of her life. Hers is a story seven decades in the making, yet one whose unique historical importance has only recently been revealed. Until the age of sixteen, Washington-Williams assumed that the aunt and uncle who raised her in Pennsylvania were her parents. The revelation of her true parents' identities was a shock that changed the course of her life. Her father, the longtime senator from 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. Senator Strom Thurmond, Trayvon Martin and many more have lived their lives unaware of their true purposes for being here. Ms. Washington is one of the lucky ones. I applaud the Thurmond and Williams families for doing their part to be role models in trying to make life a little bit easier and clearer for all of us. Read more. 6 people found this helpful. I give this book 5 stars. I like reading stories about the south. This book gives you a history of the south as told by Mrs Essie Mae Washington Williams. Even though her father did not openly acknowledge her during his lifetime, I believe her loved her in his own way. The fact that he ran as a dixiecrat in the 1948 presidential election was only a political ploy.