



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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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.' Read Dear Senator by Essie Mae Washington-Williams, William Stadiem with a free trial. Read unlimited* books and audiobooks on the web, iPad, iPhone and Android. 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. 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 will 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. 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