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Speeches tracing the evolution of Malcolm X's views on political alliances, women's rights, intermarriage, capitalism and socialism, and more.

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Jessica says

What can I say? I'm a sucker for controversial public figures and their writings. Good insight on his speeches. Read this, by any means necessary....

6655321 says

It's really important to read speeches like these to get a sense of Malcolm X as someone not reducible to his role as a figurehead for Black Islam nor as a foil to Martin Luther King Jr but as an individual who from particular circumstances and interacting with history as it was unfolding underwent a rapid political change. Which gives the reader some sense of how Malcolm X was synthesizing his experiences into a new political framework. Also it's a blessing to read the speeches of someone who was so electric in his speaking and who made such elegant points with great ease and an economy of language.

Michae'la Barnett says

Book: Malcom X, By Any Means Necessary

Author: Walter Dean Myers

Rating: 5

Summary:

In this book Malcom Little known to you as Malcom X was a powerful man in history. As a child there were troubles with his family such as his father being hit by a train and his mother being sent to a mental hospital. Malcom a.k.a Detroit Red went on to Boston only to deep trouble. When sent to jail Malcom turned over a new lead he began to read the dictionary and soon enough by the help of Elijah Muhammad Malcom was released and went on a courageous journey that will make his life for better or for worse. Too find out more you just have to READ & SEE !

Dave says

I'll say what I say to most people about Malcolm X (and keep in mind I grew up as a white suburban kid - luckily with a dad that taught me to find out things for myself and not rely on the words of others) - read Malxolm's actual speeches. Read and see his evolution. No one comes duly formed. And people rarely finish

the way they started. These speeches give some (not total) but some measure of Malcolm's evolution. Even as someone that would have been outside the true understanding of Malcolm's struggle, if you pay attention to what he says and ignore the BS agenda's of others, you'd realize this cat needs to be on a pedestal just as high as MLK Jr's. It wasn't about violence for the sake of violence. It wasn't about killing "whitey". It was about not be unjustly held down and subjugated to others no matter what color or race or religion.

Ayesha says

I don't know too much about Malcolm X and while I probably should have started off reading a more comprehensive guide on his life, this was really insightful on a different level. Instead of reading about someone's opinion or interpretation on his life, I got to read his speeches. Such a powerful speaker. It's easy to understand how he got a bad name...it's easy to twist his words. It was good that such a leader existed, who was blunt and addressed the issues everyone faced head on. Violence should not be forbidden - that was his message. Black people (or any minority) should have equal rights as everyone else and be equal enough to know that they should fight for the rights that are rightfully there's to fight for. I will definitely read more about him in the years to come. Inspirational speaker.

Azfar says

Malcolm X's autobiography left a powerful impact on me when I first read it, but after listening to recordings of the speeches in this book, I felt a greater sense of awe and love for him. I can only wonder what it would've been like to listen to him in person. The powerful rhetoric in this collection reveals the sharpness and depth of his intelligent mind. Truly, his life is a testament to the transformative power of a "homemade" education, as he himself called it.

Shane says

it's hard to believe there are no reviews of this book here. perhaps my interest in malcolm x was a product of the "cult of personality". after all, my previous experience with the man and his historical impact was limited to the spike lee movie. but after reading this book, i found that there was another attraction (actually two): this is a man with a passion to see real justice in the world and this is a man seeking redemption (social, political, spiritual.) these are powerful symbols, and this collection of interviews and statements allows for some of these ideals to be seen. i'm not sure if this book is such a great piece of literature, in of itself. but this is one of the few writings of the man's own words, not filtered through the censor of academia. it is a necessary read for anyone who would pretend to be interested in 20th century american history.

Qynn Perkins says

Was a great book!

Michael Strode says

There is a documentary on Malcolm's life that one can occasionally find packaged with some copies of the movie Malcolm X. I consider it the finest documentary done regarding Malcolm's life because it bypasses narration or peers recounting their relationship or randomly inserted persons raising up how Malcolm affected their lives. All that the documentary includes is a series of speeches, lectures, news clips, and sound bites strung together which trace Malcolm's life from end to end.

This book is a similar summation. Perhaps no finer text exists with a collection of Malcolm's writings that display his ability to grapple with the political and cultural conditions to arrive at new truths. It is sufficient in this world to simply be the stake one's flag in the ground and hold that position until death, but when one can be so public and still allow the world to know that your position has changed upon the arrival of new information; that you might have possibly been wrong and now you are publicly correcting your stance.

This is the signature of a mature human being. One not lost in the leadership role assigned to them, but one whom has transcended and simply recognizes that they are a part of some larger and human and brilliant.

Sham Al-Ghazali says

A collection of speeches and interviews by one of the greatest men in history. Reading Malcolm X's thoughts on the movement, and politics elsewhere, before and after him leaving the Nation of Islam.

Christina says

So well done. I knew nothing about the man except a few things here and there as mentioned in pop culture. Now I'm acquainted with/the different periods of his life, beginning with his childhood, into young adulthood where the worldly path lured Malcolm into petty crime and jail, but he didn't languish there. To the contrary, it seemed Malcolm X soared spiritually and intellectually after prison. I was fascinated to learn of his pivotal role in growing the Nation of Islam in America both as a movement and a religious organization during this time, but also that he was saved by its discipline and order. He struck me as a thinker and a philosopher throughout, but one who could not be contained by mere theory. I would have liked a little more insight into what made Malcolm so uncompromising in his path toward bettering the lives his people. How some people are born to lead and are gifted, powerful orators is a thing of fascination for me! Eventually he'd travel the world speaking and garnering the respect of world leaders and giving high-profile interviews. In his last years, as described in this book, he seemed to have become more transcendent and more of a unifier having parted ways with the Nation of Islam (but not the religion of Islam). There's sadly always an early ending for people like him in this country. When we should ever be so stunned with humility and curiosity so as to embrace a figure like this, instead of silencing them, we might actually evolve as a country

sheena says

not what you learned about X, if you even learned about him, in elementary school.

this is a collection of his speeches, directly from his mouth.

call me easily influenced but this book completely altered my feelings on gun-ownership and pacifism.

revolution, fools!

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Oh! Hi the book I read was Malcolm X. By any mean necessary by Walter dean Myers. This book was an interesting thing to read. To get in the mind of a really out spoken person.

First off him as a child he had to deal with. The hardships of see his father being ran over. A cops lying about investigating what happen. Then as he grew up he went on to be a force to recant with. President of his class in high school. Then became known in big cities across the United States. But then it leads him to the nation of Islam. Where he became apart of after going to jail. Where when he got out he became a Minster. But shortly after he starts figuring out that he has change. For the worst but with the help. Martin Luther king Jr. help he found his way back. Then got out but died shortly after which was really sad.

This is my book helped me to understand. How some one can change over time to find their self in life. Also this book makes me feel like change is hard for one person. That's my book review hope you liked it.

Jay says

Excellent read. Very refreshing to see Malcolm's thinking and how it changed in the 2 years before being killed. He was always self criticizing, always reflecting and always changing his approach according to surrounding conditions, which is the correct thing to do in political struggle. What's more amazing is that his analysis and ideas on violence, self-defense, racism, and revolution are STILL relevant today! also Malcolm spoke in a way that everyone can understand, from 10 years old to 60 years old. definitely recommend this, especially to the youth!

Anthony says

From being the top student in his class to being known as Detroit Red the street hustler. To being locked up at the age of twenty, where his life changed forever. Where his views of the life of a black man in America changed. His views shocked America then and still do today. This biography tells Malcolm's story from the troubles him and his family faced when he was a young boy to the problems he faced as a grown man.

Kobi says

Malcolm X

Unlike most of the people I'm writing to I don't like to read, but if I were to read a book I would choose the Biography of Malcolm X. Like most of the civil rights activists Malcolm wasn't content with being called a "nigger" for the rest of his life. Malcolm was born in Omaha, Nebraska. He was the second youngest of seven. I don't want to tell the book because the point is to get you to read it. This book will get your brain thinking in a different way about how things were back when black people and white people were unequal.

This book will make your emotions run with happiness, sadness, confusion, and shock. This book is full of twists, turns, and action packed chapters that show you the life of Malcolm X. It's interesting to see the big transformation from when Malcolm was young to when Malcolm was older and the intelligence that Malcolm had gained from the mistakes and observations in his life. Part of the transformation was Malcolm being raised in a house of god leaves get's into trouble, believes there is no god to the point where Malcolm becomes a man of god and follower of Ala.

If you read this book cover to cover your life will be changed, This book has opened my eyes to how hard it was to get the freedom I have today. This book may also not be your cup of tea. If you would want to look more in depth about Malcolm's life in his words I would recomend you read Malcolm X's autobiography. This book will change your views about stuff you never thought you would think of and then some. Thanks for listening

Rayyan Basheer says

Easy quick read. Was very interesting as I wanted to know more about Malcolm X, and his life and what he did. This book offered a quick journey of his life throughout the years and his ideas and how they changed, and the impact he left on many in the world. Good book. I would recommend it to anyone interested in Malcolm X, the U.S. Civil rights movement, or anyone wanting a quick informative read about someone regarded as a very influential person.

MrsER says

Who was the real Malcolm X? His parents were committed to Marcus Garvey's black separatist movement. Since his early years he was linked to crime and drugs. While in prison he was converted to the Black Muslim movement and later became the sect's most prominent spokesman. He once hailed a plane crash because it was filled with white people, he called white men "the devil," and said JFK's assassination was white America's "chickens coming home to roost." He also said that "What we need is the destruction of whiteness, which is the source of human misery in the world," Dr. Martin Luther King would not appear on public events beside him because of Malcolm's racism. (Malcolm denounced Martin Luther King's civil-rights march as "ridiculous.") Dr. King agreed to be photographed with him only when, in the last year of his life, Malcolm X renounced his racism. He was murdered by the Nation of Islam assassins; his death warrant was issued by Elijah Muhammad and publicly proclaimed by none other than (his lieutenant) Louis Farrakhan. (Malcolm had revealed that Elijah had raped and impregnated several adolescent girls.)

Yusra Traveler says

Malcolm best speeches -

Dawn Wells says

Fighting for equality.

I'm amazed by how an intelligent man like Malcolm could let another "man" lead him blindly. I'm so happy that he saw the real truth and fought the ignorance. I love that he grew leaps and bounds not just for himself but for enlightening others. It's like all of us we start believing one way but as we grow and mature we see that it's okay if people are who they are be it white, black, gay, straight, woman, man, old or young.
