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Synopsis

The riveting memoirs of the outstanding moral and political leader of our time, Long Walk to Freedom brilliantly recreates the drama of the experiences that helped shape Nelson Mandela's destiny. From his beginning in the Transkei to his being taken to Robben Island, this is the remarkable story of how a man rose so far, only to be sentenced to life imprisonment. Emotive and compelling, this is the story of an epic life. This audiobook includes a foreword written and read by Kofi Annan, Nelson Mandela's Presidential Oath of Office, an afterword from Sharon Gelman, and an interview with Long Walk to Freedom collaborator Richard Stengel.

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Customer Reviews

There are no words to really describe the magnitude of the story told in this book. Shortly after Madiba's death and the release of the movie Long Walk to Freedom I developed this urge to know more, to educate myself. As a white South African I was born during the time when Madiba was already incarcerated. I was still a child when we had our first democratic elections in 1994. I vaguely recalled my parents discussing such matters but my family has never been overly political and therefore the stories had no direct impact on my life. There was nothing strange in the fact that there were only white kids in school with me and the reasons for that never entered my mind. In high school kids of different races joined us and at first this was strange but it never caused any significant change to my way of life. Even though I was a child during the apartheid years I pretty much grew up in an interracial country and I have always accepted that and taken it as a given. I was born 'free' and although I know about the struggles for other races to become 'free' I never truly understood or appreciated what Madiba and the other freedom fighters have done not only for their

people but for the country as a whole. This story not only educated me in my own countries history but it touched me beyond words. It is truly an amazing story about an amazing individual. If everyone in the world could only take a bit of Madiba's sense of fairness and equality into their lives the world would be a better place. We can only hope and pray that one day the world will have another Madiba because such a person is indeed rare in life. It took me 3 months to finish the book (not because I am a slow read) but because it is a rather hefty book to go through.

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