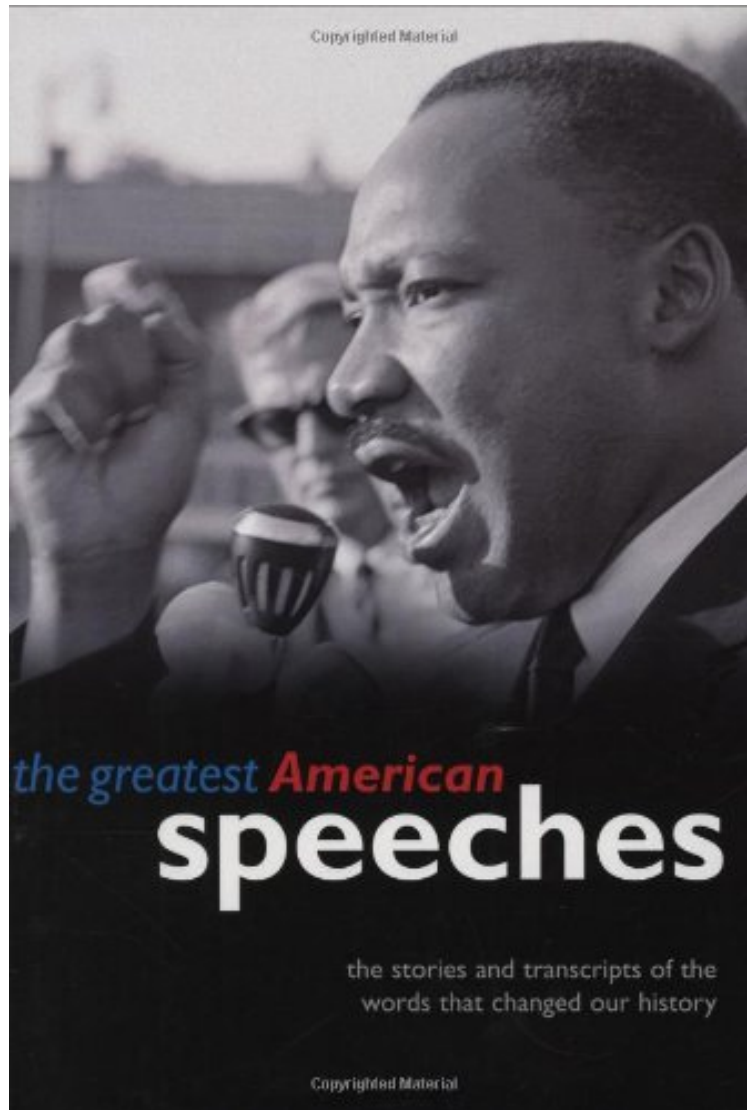


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and A Reason to ReflectNone of us has a choice as to the nation we are born, but we can take the time to learn about some of the people who have crafted that country. I am proud to have been born an American and I found this book interesting and worth the time to ponder the communication found over a 200 year period.Speeches can have meaning, or be immediately dismissed as self serving. They can inspire, anger, encourage or frustrate us. As I go through life, I become more cynical as more people seem to be less than one hopes.This 2006 collection of 44 messages offers a balance of opinions, perspectives and time. While some of these people have instant name recognition and others are less well-known, the stories are well crafted, to the point and reason for reflection.1. Founders of America - John Winthrop , Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry2. US Presidents - Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, Madison, Lincoln, T Roosevelt, Wilson, F Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy, LB Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Reagan, Clinton, GW Bush3. Civil Rights Activists over the centuries -Elizabeth Stanton, Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglas, John Brown, Booker T Washington, Crystal Eastman, Martin Luther King, Jr, Malcolm X4. Native Americans- Crazy Horse5. Athletes - Lou Gehrig, Muhammad Ali6. Orators - James Blaine, Clarence Darrow, the Space Speeches, Elie Wiesel, Joseph McCarthy, Robert Kennedy, Rudy Giuliani7. Generals - Patton, MacArthur8. Innovators - Frank Loyd Wright, Oppenheimer9. 1st Ladies - Eleanor Roosevelt, Barbara BushI may have placed a name in a category or topic that perhaps could be listed elsewhere, but the intent was to encourage readers to consider this book. Some of the topics covered are not the ones expected, but clearly have become part of the evolving place called America.I personally DO NOT AGREE with a number of the messages communicated, but the collection of these people and the times they experienced, lived in and shared are reason to reflect and consider.As always, feedback is always welcomeDr. John Hogan CHE CHAHospitalityEducatorsHogan Hospitality

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