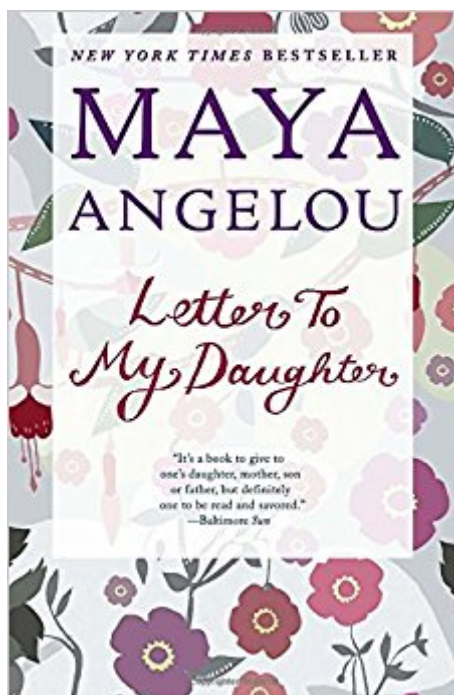


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Synopsis

Dedicated to the daughter she never had but sees all around her, *Letter to My Daughter* reveals Maya Angelou's path to living well and living a life with meaning. Here in short spellbinding essays are glimpses of the tumultuous life that taught Angelou lessons in compassion and fortitude: how she was brought up by her indomitable grandmother in segregated Arkansas, taken in at thirteen by her more worldly and less religious mother, and grew to be an awkward six-foot-tall teenager whose first experience of loveless sex paradoxically left her with her greatest gift, a son. Whether she is recalling lost friends such as Coretta Scott King and Ossie Davis, extolling honesty, decrying vulgarity, explaining why becoming a Christian is a "lifelong endeavor" or simply singing the praises of a meal of red rice, Maya Angelou writes from the heart to millions of women she considers her extended family.

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From the mellifluous voice of a venerable American icon comes her first original collection of writing to be published in ten years, anecdotal vignettes drawn from a compelling life and written in Angelou's erudite prose. Beginning with her childhood, Angelou acknowledges her own inauguration into daughterhood in "Philanthropy," recalling the first time her mother called her "my daughter." Angelou becomes a mother herself at an early age, after a meaningless first sexual experience: "Nine months later I had a beautiful baby boy. The birth of my son caused me to develop enough courage to invent my life." Fearlessly sharing amusing, if somewhat embarrassing,

moments in "Senegal," the mature Angelou is cosmopolitan but still capable of making a mistake: invited to a dinner party while visiting the African nation, Angelou becomes irritated that none of the guests will step on a lovely carpet laid out in the center of the room, so she takes it upon herself to cross the carpet, only to discover the carpet is a table cloth that had been laid out in honor of her visit. The wisdom in this slight volume feels light and familiar, but it's also earnest and offered with warmth. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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I feel as if Dr. Angelou is speaking directly to me. When I need the wisdom and love of a mother, I open this book. Even when the book doesn't directly address my concern, I feel a sense of comfort that makes me feel that everything will be alright... This too shall pass... and this is only one day, one season and life is so FULL of many adventures. Dr. Angelou's books make me want to live a FULL life and she keeps me from being stagnant and motivated to keep dreaming, living and advancing in the world.

Maya Angelou is one of the most talented writers in history and her words have the power to reach into one's soul to make an intimate connection. The audible version is wonderful, spell-binding, and engaging.

I love it.. had some surprising revelations about her that I never would have considered... Very down to earth and of course her wisdom is beyond compare .. Comes from living a life and the

learning that comes with that.. I definitely will try to read more of her books asap... Got this book for my own daughter and my best friends daughter as well since her mother left us unexpectedly and so sadly last June...

Once again you can never go wrong with Ms Maya Angelou sometimes when we think we share with our daughters things that they need to know, Ms Angelou once again reminded me that there's always more.

An insightful masterpiece, you will keep in you library for re-reading.

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Maya Angelou. What else is there to say?

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