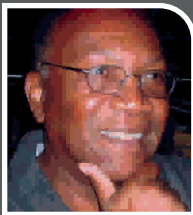


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"Dr. Clemons is an extraordinary example of grit and grace. Countless people have been the beneficiary of his piercing insights about life, faith, and advocacy. I'm so glad he has distilled parts of his unique journey and wisdom in this important offering."

—The Rt. Reverend Robert C. Wright
Episcopal Bishop of Atlanta

"Dr. Willie Clemons has been learning and teaching for decades. No matter where he lives or works, Clemons engages with the people who are working to make the world a better place for everybody. The lessons he's learned and those he shares in Sarasota, Florida and other communities across the country will serve as guides for all who wish to contribute to a better future for our nation."

—Shirley Franklin
The 58th & First Woman Mayor, City of Atlanta

"A must-read. Not just for young men, but for any individual who wants to move beyond the world we live in today, for a positive impact on the future. This book, because of its practical insights, will especially guide young men on a developmental path that is significant, transformative, and successful."

—Alexis M. Herman
United States 23rd Secretary of Labor

"Over the years of family & friendship, Henry & I watched with amazement Dr. Willie Clemons engaging in public service in Atlanta. His commitment to mentoring and volunteering for charitable and human rights causes are priceless. As a trailblazer, whose mission is to "strengthen our community by helping those in need", he has left an indelible mark for our generation and those yet to come. This book tells how he did it."

—Mrs. Billye Suber Aaron & in Memory of Henry "Hank" Aaron

"Over the years, Dr. Willie Clemons has had a strong commitment to leadership and to mentoring young people. Many individuals have benefited from his wisdom, his commitment, and his enthusiasm for serving others."

—Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.
*U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, 1989-1993
Founding President, Morehouse School of Medicine*

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Dr. Willie H. Clemons' inspiring book, *THIS IS MY STORY; THIS IS MY SONG: One Man's Journey To Turning Oppositions Into Opportunities And Fulfilling His Unique Gifts*, shares his personal experiences and insights on growing up in Alabama. Along the way, the author weaves a beautiful and inspiring story of his journey to fulfilling his childhood dreams of a life of service. Dedicated to being a change agent and bridge builder for his African American community, Dr. Clemons was unwavering on what he felt was his God given purpose. He shares the challenges he faced during the Jim Crow era in Alabama and how he turned those challenges into opportunities. As we journey with him from 1940's Mobile, Alabama to Chicago and on to the bustling and progressive city of Atlanta, we not only get a sweeping overview of history, a vicarious travelogue experience and the grit and conviction of the man, we cannot help but be inspired by the impact and legacy of a man who dedicated his life to service and his community.

At the end of every chapter Dr. Clemons offers practical advice in his teachable moments section on how to turn your dreams into reality.

THIS IS MY STORY; THIS IS MY SONG: One Man's Journey To Turning Oppositions Into Opportunities And Fulfilling His Unique Gifts is a must-read for anyone who has ever felt they were born with a unique purpose that had to be fulfilled despite facing insurmountable odds. It is a story of love, hope, resilience, family and the power of the human spirit and the divine.