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""This book will be a major contribution by a courageous South African towards that quest for a better life for all.""--Nelson Mandela

""If truth is beauty, this relentlessly brilliant and hopeful book is beautiful. It is a text to live by, if we aspire to the possibility of a better life for all...in a world widely threatened by HIV/Aids."" --Nadine Gordimer, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature 1991

""Cameron addresses the taboo questions of race, sexual orientation, poverty and stigma in the context of the HIV/Aids epidemic, writing almost always from a personal perspective, but with an unconditional commitment to social justice."" -- Zackie Achmat, internationally renowned activist

""The HIV/AIDS epidemic has produced a few thoughtful and quiet heroes. Judge Edwin Cameron is one of them. His thought-provoking memoir is a breathtakingly beautiful story of our times. Cameron's stunning prose draws us into the heartbreak and the triumph that is AIDS in South Africa, and his honest confrontation with the moral and physical reality of AIDS and its meaning for his own body and the body politic informs our hearts and minds. It is a true privilege to share this gifted and compassionate man's thoughts and insights, his gripping exploration of black/white, positive/negative, gay/straight, stigma and compassion. The fearless gaze he casts into his own soul lifts his story beyond the AIDS epidemic in one place and time and makes it a timeless gift for the spiritual renewal of us all."" --Susan Hunter, Independent Consultant to world health organizations

""Cameron tells a the story of both his own travail and South Africa's wider plight with the kind of admirable honesty that he urges others to adopt.""--Oxford Today, Hilary Issue, 2006

About the Author

Edwin Cameron is a justice in South Africa's Constitutional Court, and a former justice in Supreme Court of Appeal. He is an internationally respected human rights lawyer and AIDS activist.

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