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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Reading this book is like having a long, and somewhat homiletical, afternoon tea with former Archbishop of Cape Town and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Tutu. Four years after *No Future Without Forgiveness*, Tutu's reflection on his role as Chairman of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, comes this deeply personal book that Tutu calls "a cumulative expression of my life's work." Each chapter begins "Dear Child of God," and goes on to reflect on vulnerability, transfiguration and the human condition with winding anecdotes from Tutu's personal and public life, stories he delivers with his trademark humor and a deceptive simplicity. For example, when Tutu says we are all one family, what emerges is not some churchy optimism, but a highly developed theology of relationship, what Tutu has earlier called ubuntu ("a person is a person through other people"), with political as well as interpersonal implications. This book is highly readable, perhaps because, like other Tutu books, it is culled in large part from lectures and sermons delivered in Tutu's very public life. That this book aims for more than an afternoon tea becomes clear at its close: we are God's partners, Tutu exhorts. We are humanized or dehumanized in and through our actions toward others. Tutu grounds this appeal most concretely, ending with a list of Web sites from organizations that need more partners for their outreach.

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Admired throughout the world for grace, generosity of spirit, honesty, and humility, Archbishop Tutu has witnessed much evil, particularly in his native South Africa, and has been threatened with death. He has also seen much good, and here he emphasizes that. Many find his dream that the world's people will realize they are all members of one family--God's family--rather utopian, but he heartily disagrees. He believes in the genuine possibility of his dream, and he uses the Feast of the Transfiguration to express the goodness--the power of God's transformation--that undergirds the world and that has already made the cross, once an instrument of death, the source, for Christians, of eternal life. No one is beyond God's love and grace, the archbishop assures. He also discusses the nature of evil and goodness (one cannot exist without the other), free will, moral responsibility, individualism, capitalist culture, sexism, racism, forgiveness, suffering, and mortality. Goodness will prevail, he believes, and his small, inspiring, empowering book will make others believe that, too. *June Sawyers*

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Review

Advance praise for *God Has a Dream*

"I have the highest regard for my good and trusted friend Archbishop Desmond Tutu. I admire him for the wonderful, warm person he is and especially for the human principles he upholds, and I have no doubt that readers will enjoy and benefit from what he has to say in *God Has a Dream*."

—His Holiness the Dalai Lama

"Desmond Tutu shows each of us how to transform our pain and sorrow into hope and confidence in the future. Whether you are the head of a country or the head of a household, you will cherish his words."

—Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa and Nobel Peace Prize recipient

"Archbishop Desmond Tutu, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. before him, has offered us a luminous vision of love and hope. *God Has a Dream* shows us how our personal and global suffering can be transformed into

joy and redemption. With his great warmth and compassion, Archbishop Tutu offers a spiritual message that if heeded can change lives as well as history.”

—Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States and Nobel Peace Prize recipient

“Like Desmond Tutu’s life, this book is a testament to the power of faith and optimism in human affairs.”

—Senator George J. Mitchell

“This book is a small miracle, an elegantly simple testimony to the shining spirit and unquenchable faith of Bishop Tutu and of all humanity. It will inspire your heart and reaffirm your faith.”

—Jack Kornfield, author of *A Path with Heart*

“While the world is plagued by religious fanaticism Archbishop Tutu brings refreshing African wisdom like a soothing balm...a must read.”

—Arun Gandhi, founder/director, M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, Memphis, Tennessee

“We all want to know what produces larger-than-life people. We all need to know the mind and heart of greatness. Desmond Tutu gives you all the clues in this marvelous book of ‘dreaming.’ ”—Richard Rohr, O.F.M., Center for Action and Contemplation

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