

Speaking My Soul: The Power of Words to Heal, Inspire, and Empower

In her powerful and moving memoir, *Speaking My Soul: Race, Life, and Language*, author and educator Dr. Geneva Smitherman uses her extraordinary voice to explore the profound impact that race, life, and language have had on her personal and professional journey.



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Born in the segregated South, Smitherman grew up in a world where words had the power to both divide and unite. She witnessed firsthand the ways in which language was used to oppress and demean African Americans, and she experienced the pain of being silenced and marginalized.

But Smitherman refused to let the forces of oppression define her. Instead, she embraced the power of words and used them to speak out against injustice and inequality. She became a leading scholar in African American

language and culture, and she has dedicated her life to teaching and empowering others.

Speaking My Soul is a powerful and inspiring testament to the transformative power of words. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the complexities of race, life, and language in America.

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"Dr. Smitherman's voice is clear, strong, and充滿激情. Her words have the power to heal, inspire, and empower." — *The Chicago Tribune*

About the Author

Dr. Geneva Smitherman is University Distinguished Professor of English at Michigan State University. She is the author of numerous books on African American language and culture, including *Talkin and Testifyin: The Language of Black America* and *Black Talk: Words and Phrases from the Hood to the Amen Corner*.

Dr. Smitherman is a recipient of the National Humanities Medal from President Barack Obama. She is also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Education.

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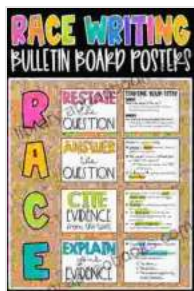
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