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## I Have a Dream The Speeches That Changed History

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To read of Elizabeth I addressing her troops before the Spanish Armada, or Martin Luther King urging the American population to racial equality is to understand the tremendous power of language to inspire, to comfort, to move or to enthuse an audience.

It is inspiring to hear the words of people whose gift was to know what to say, when to say it, and how to phrase it, often in language so powerful, so eloquent and so beautiful that we remember their words centuries after they were first spoken.

*I Have a Dream* includes some of the greatest, most celebrated speeches, such as Pericles' funeral oration in Athens in the fifth century BC, as well as lesser-known speeches, such as Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Collins' eve-of-battle address to his soldiers in Iraq in 2003 – all of which deserve to be celebrated and credited by modern audiences.

Here is an enjoyable collection of the greatest speeches that have been delivered throughout history, prefaced by brief historical and biographical introductions.

### Sales Points

- An informative collection of extracts from the most notable speeches of the last 2,500 years
- Words and phrases that inspired countless listeners and changed the course of history
- Includes famous speeches by Abraham Lincoln, Cicero, Winston Churchill, Martin Luther King, Napoleon Bonaparte, John F. Kennedy, Gandhi, Elizabeth I, Nelson Mandela and more
- The historical context of each speech is given so that the speech's meaning can be fully understood by the reader

### Reviews

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- 'This book reminds us about past greatness (...) It is impossible not to be moved, inspired, incensed and outraged by some of the messages' - *Tribune Magazine*

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