

# A Daughter's Reckoning: Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond



## Dear Senator: A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond

by Essie Mae Washington-Williams

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## **A Powerful and Moving Memoir of Race, Family, and History**

Essie Mae Washington-Williams was born in Aiken, South Carolina, in 1925. Her mother, Carrie Butler, was a black woman who worked as a maid for Strom Thurmond's family. Her father, Strom Thurmond, was a white man who would go on to become a notorious segregationist and governor of South Carolina.

Essie Mae's childhood was marked by the racism and segregation of the Jim Crow South. She was forced to attend segregated schools and sit in the back of the bus. She was denied basic rights and opportunities that were afforded to white children.

Despite the challenges she faced, Essie Mae was a bright and determined young woman. She graduated from high school and went on to college. She eventually became a teacher and a civil rights activist.

In 1987, Essie Mae's father, Strom Thurmond, publicly acknowledged her as his daughter. It was a moment that had been long overdue, but it did not erase the pain and suffering that Essie Mae had endured throughout her life.

In her memoir, *A Daughter's Reckoning*, Essie Mae tells the story of her life with honesty and courage. She writes about the racism and discrimination

she experienced, her relationship with her father, and her journey to find peace and healing.

A Daughter's Reckoning is a powerful and moving memoir that sheds light on a dark chapter in American history. It is a story of resilience, forgiveness, and the triumph of the human spirit.

### **Praise for A Daughter's Reckoning**

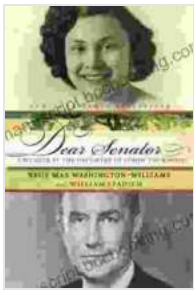
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### **About the Author**

Essie Mae Washington-Williams is a retired teacher and civil rights activist. She is the daughter of Strom Thurmond, a notorious segregationist and former governor of South Carolina. Essie Mae has spoken out about her experiences as a black woman in the Jim Crow South and has worked to promote racial reconciliation. She is the author of the memoir A Daughter's Reckoning.

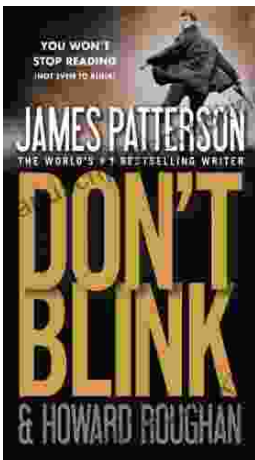


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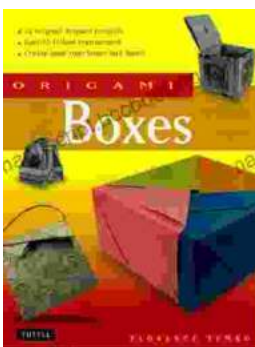
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