

## The Autobiography

Alex Haley's *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* is at once inspirational, controversial, and historic. It is a novel that has had far-reaching success selling millions of copies and influencing Americans of all races and creeds. This "autobiography" relates the life story of Civil Rights leader Malcolm X, who came of age in the segregated America of the 1940s and 1950s. He embraced religion while in prison and sought to free his people "by any means necessary." By the end of his life, Malcolm X was one of the most prominent African-American leaders. While on a journey to Mecca, he began to preach a more inclusive ideology that emphasized cooperation and understanding. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* provides a valuable glimpse of America. More importantly, it is the story of one man rising up against oppression and learning, through his own experiences, how America might redeem itself.

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