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Talking To My Country



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An extraordinarily powerful and personal meditation on race, culture, and identity. >

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Customer Reviews

Stan Grant is a well-known Indigenous Australian journalist. He has written a couple of books depicting his journey in grappling with his cultural heritage as an Indigenous man in Australia, who is successful in a white Australian world. He has travelled the world as a political correspondent, is articulate and incredibly honest and transparent with his pain, anger and grief. Reading his book was a powerful insight into the heart of an Australia that continues to mourn cultures lost and identity unrecognised. While Grant does not "point the finger in condemnation" at his white readers, his experiences are still confronting to engage with. If you're wanting to understand more about our Indigenous peoples in Australia, and you have the courage to be challenged with your own cultural identity and heritage, you won't regret it.

I admired Stan Grant before reading 'Talking To My Country', now I'm grateful to the man for this book and description of his family and aboriginal community's history and hardships. Of the beginning of original inhabitants and new white settlers' inter- marriage and social pressures. It is a fine and bridging attempt to unite all in Australia, and to appreciate even more the deserved success of Stan Grant as a journalist, thinker and communicator. The link to his story telling ancestor is of real interest and altogether the book deserves its 4 to 5 stars.

This book is a kind of mini memoir, very personal and sincere. The author talks about his life, and predominantly about the issues he and other people of Aboriginal background struggle with on a daily basis in modern Australia. My hope is to hear and see more of Stan Grant in Australian political and cultural life in the future. His passion, intelligence and sincerity is something we need badly in our leaders.

Such huge relief to hear an Aboriginal voice, speaking out, 'raging' against what has been and still is, in 2017. An assimilated, truth based Australia requires both histories, with Aboriginal writ large. How could Australia get it so wrong, for so long. Rec. required reading in Australian schools, for new migrants and all government workers.

I appreciate the care and thought that Stan Grant has put into honestly addressing his country. His book is a painful exposure of how oppression affects every day of the life of the oppressed. Stan describes the complete horror of how Aboriginal people have been treated. But what touched me the most was, despite it being so much easier to live overseas away from every day racism, Stan's deep love of his country keeps him in Australia.

This book presents insights with a fresh and powerful voice. It is thought provoking and informative. It is also a hard read because it is so well written and cleverly structured. Worth reading well. Definitely worth writing well. Thank you Mr. Grant.

At times this story was very hard to read not because of the writing but because of the feelings engendered by racist behaviour towards Stan Grant and his family. I would recommend this book to all Australians.

This is an amazing book, really well written and insightful. Every Australian should read to give you

an insight into what it has been like to live as an Aboriginal over the past 50 years.

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