"How You Gonna Stand?": A Powerful Memoir of Courage, Resilience, and the Fight for Justice



Saturday Night Sinner, Sunday Morning Believer: How You Gonna Stand? by DL Jones



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In his autobiography "How You Gonna Stand?", the late civil rights icon John Lewis shares his remarkable life story, from his childhood in rural Alabama to his leadership role in the nonviolent movement for racial equality. A testament to the power of courage, resilience, and the human spirit, this book is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, social justice, or the transformative power of one person's actions.

Lewis was born in 1940 in Troy, Alabama, the son of sharecroppers. From a young age, he experienced the brutality of segregation and discrimination firsthand. Despite the challenges he faced, Lewis remained determined to fight for justice. In 1955, at the age of 15, he was inspired by the Montgomery bus boycott and joined the Civil Rights Movement.

Lewis went on to become a key figure in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and played a leading role in some of the most important events of the Civil Rights Movement, including the Freedom Rides, the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, and the Selma to Montgomery marches. He was also a close associate of Martin Luther King Jr. and helped to draft the iconic "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

In "How You Gonna Stand?", Lewis recounts his experiences in the Civil Rights Movement with honesty and candor. He writes about the courage and determination of the activists who fought for equality, as well as the violence and hatred they faced from segregationists. He also reflects on the lessons he learned during the movement, including the importance of nonviolence, hope, and perseverance.

After the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were passed, Lewis continued to fight for justice. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives for over 30 years, where he advocated for civil rights, voting rights, and economic equality. He was also a co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus.

"How You Gonna Stand?" is not just a memoir; it is a call to action. Lewis writes, "The struggle for justice is never easy, but it is always necessary." He urges readers to stand up for what they believe in, even when it is difficult. He believes that the fight for justice is not over, and that we must all work together to create a more just and equitable world.

"How You Gonna Stand?" is a powerful and inspiring book that will stay with you long after you finish it. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the history of the Civil Rights Movement, the ongoing fight for social justice, and the power of one person's actions.

#### Praise for "How You Gonna Stand?"

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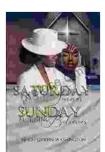
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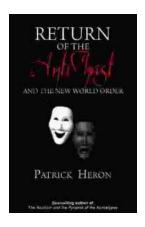
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