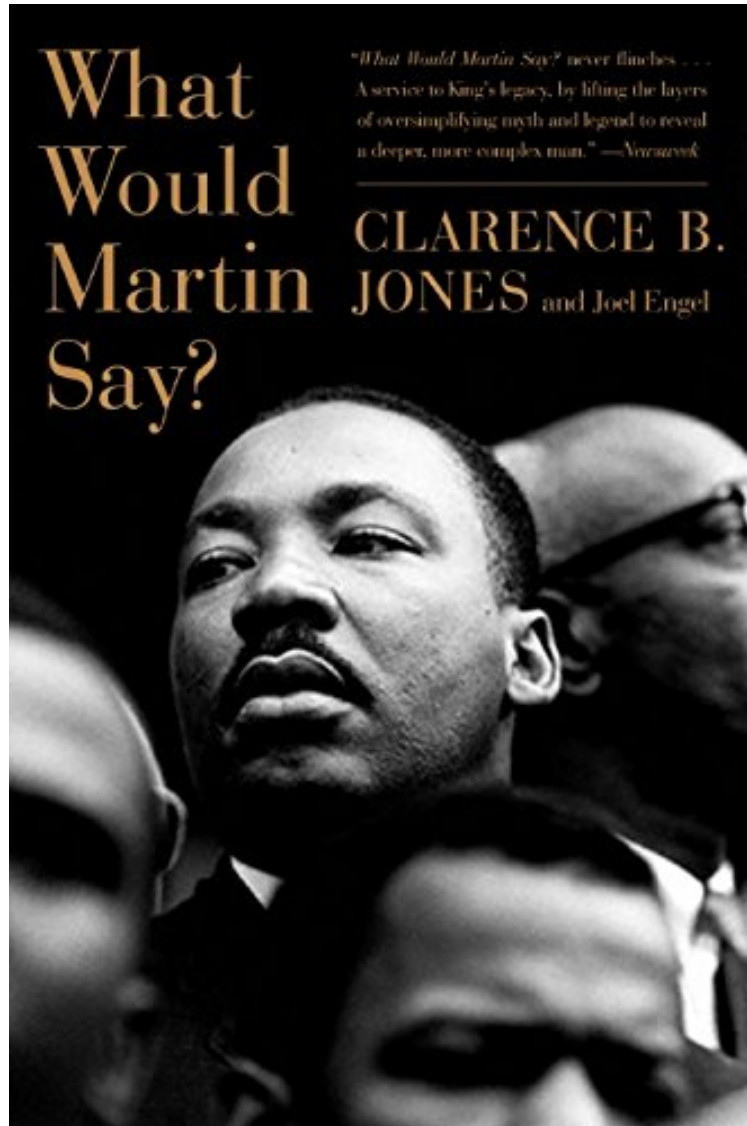


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Clarence B. Jones, Joel Engel : What Would Martin Say? before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised What Would Martin Say?:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. PowerfulBy MCWonderfully written book.13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Should be titled "What Would Clarence Say?"By Al SweigartIf you're hoping to find out the political views of the author, Clarence B. Jones, this is the book for you. Or if you'd like to be outraged by a former colleague of Martin Luther King using MLK's legacy to endorse a number of right-wing talking points 40 years after his death, this is also the book for you.I'll save you a read. According to Jones, Martin Luther King would:* be against

affirmative action (he also uses this chapter to note how bad black-on-black crime is)* view undocumented immigrants as stealing jobs and lament our poor border security (not content with just speaking for Dr. King, on page 116, Clarence also says that this is also the opinion that God himself has)* be in favor of the Iraq war and panicked about Saddam Hussein smuggling suitcase nukes into Chicago, Seattle, Los Angeles, Washington, and New York (Jones must have known MLK *very* well to come up with this oddly specific scenario)* leap to the defense of Israel (itself laudable, though this was the shortest chapter and one can see how if it had been a few more pages, Jones's pro-Israel stance would shortly become an anti-Palestinian screed. Especially given that he spends so much of the next chapter constructing his own Willie Horton ad for Islamic terrorism.)The first chapter starts off promising: Jones recounts his conversations with King, and King recruited him to join the civil rights movement. But as I continued to read, my skepticism rose. Jones' tether to what MLK said and did begins to stretch more. By halfway through the book, every time I read "what Martin would say is..." I would roll my eyes at the rant that followed which was clearly coming from the mouth of the aging conservative. While the entire book is Jones writing about Jones, the first chapter is the only one where he's honest about this. This is a book of Clarence B. Jones' political views, and that is fine. But the more I read and the more I saw him using his association with King to put his words into the four-decade-cold mouth of King, the more unconscionable it became. Wide spans of the book don't even bother with trying to justify why 1960s King would agree with 2000s Jones based on King's words and actions (which arguably would often be quite the opposite). Halfway through the book, I knew I couldn't give this a three-star review. By the end, I knew I couldn't even give it two-stars. One-star. I only wish I read the back cover first so that I could have been warned by the glowing praise given it by Roger Ailes, the disgraced former CEO of Fox News. The book is an insult. 3 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The legal truth By Soldiers Wife 11 I am so pleased to review this enlightening book, I was so informed, and I am more informed because of it! This attorney has so many on-hand experiences to share with the world! He tells it straight and from a balanced perspective.

When the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, the world lost one of the greatest moral authorities of the twentieth century. We would all benefit from hearing Martin's voice, if only he were alive today. . . . If anyone would have insight into Martin's thoughts and opinions, it would be Clarence B. Jones, King's personal lawyer and one of his closest principal advisers and confidants. Removing the mythic distance of forty years' time to reveal the flesh-and-blood man he knew as his friend, Jones ponders what the outspoken civil rights leader would say about the serious issues that bedevil contemporary America: Islamic terrorism and the war in Iraq, reparations for slavery, anti-Semitism, affirmative action, illegal immigration, and the state of African American leadership.

From Publishers Weekly I was privy to his innermost thoughts, Jones, draft speech writer and adviser to Martin Luther King Jr., assures us in this bold yet presumptuous endeavor to reveal what [King] would have to say, and what he would advise, on issues of the day. Generally speaking, King, as channeled by Jones, would be dismayed and astonishingly fiercely conservative. According to Jones, King would now oppose affirmative action (its time and usefulness have come and gone) and illegal immigration (the moral brazenness of those without the legal right to be here who demand that Americans treat them as though they were decorated soldiers or fighters for constitutional rights). A complicated King emerges from Jones's portrait not the familiar pacifist but a likely supporter of the Iraq War who in Jones's words might believe that military action is an unavoidable option that even those who are otherwise committed to non-violence must be prepared to consider now in order to save many more lives later. With characteristic pugnacity, Jones excoriates black leaders who pursue policies that pimp the best interests of black people and accuses the FBI of masterminding King's assassination. The notion of acting as a medium for the departed King is provocative, but Jones is a smooth manager of feisty prose. What's here is a sort of political parlor game and, like a good parlor game, it will make for lively conversation. (Apr.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Attorney Jones served as an advisor and confidante to Martin Luther King Jr. for eight years and came away from that close relationship with a solid grounding in the great civil rights leaders' general thoughts as well as his thinking on specific subjects. In an exercise of intriguingly certainly not idle speculation, Jones (with coauthor Engel) presents a handful of major civil rights issues in today's world that were not as prominent in King's day and takes very educated guesses at what King's responses to these issues would be if he were still alive. To such questions, then, as What would Martin say about today's black leadership? or What would Martin say about affirmative action? or even What would Martin say about Islamic terrorism and the war in Iraq? Jones seeks to translate King for a modern audience. A gimmick? Absolutely not. The lengthy responses Jones fashions, each one based on his intimate knowledge of King's vision, are well thought out and great material for discussion. --Brad Hooper What Would Martin Say? never flinches A service to King's legacy, by lifting the layers of oversimplifying myth and legend to reveal a deeper, more complex man. (Newsweek) Bold The notion of acting as a medium for the departed King is provocative, but Jones is a smooth manager of feisty prose. What's here is a sort of political parlor game and, like a good parlor game, it will make for lively conversation. (Publishers Weekly) Jones seeks to translate King for a modern audience. A gimmick? Absolutely not. The lengthy responses Jones fashions,

each one based on his intimate knowledge of Kings vision, are well thought out and great material for discussion. (Booklist) Clarence B. Jones, Dr. Martin Luther Kings personal attorney and adviser, provides insight into what the slain civil rights leader would say about the state of todays political affairs. Jones offers provocative views of how King would view racial and religious conflict, illegal immigration, and war. (Ebony) Surprising; Provocative and Historically significant! Clarence Jones knew the inside of Dr. Kings life as his lawyer and confidante. (Juan Williams, author of Enough: The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements, and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America--and What We Can Do About It) Compelling candor and an uncommon grace and dignity. (Tavis Smiley, Author, Television and Radio Host) Clarence Jones is a living legend. His life and witness exemplify the vision of his close friend, Martin Luther King, Jr. and his unsettling words to us must be heard! (Cornel West, Princeton University) With fervor, honesty and eloquence, Clarence Jones faithfully captures the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the modern day, reminding us that his ideals, his vision and dream are far from realized but that his timeless beliefs can still lead us there. (Donna Brazile, Political Strategist and Commentator for CNN, ABC News and NPR's News and Notes) Keeping the memory of MLK alive is one of the most important missions of our history. Because of his personal relationship and knowledge of the subject, Clarence Jones has written a book every American should read. (Roger Ailes, Chairman CEO, FOX News Channel) One hot potato of a book; thoughtful, controversial, insightful and inciting but be warned that its not one to breeze through in a night. What Would Martin Say? requires thought, reflection and time. Read it and ponder the words of a great man who knew the Great Man. (Daily Journal/Messenger (Seneca, SC))