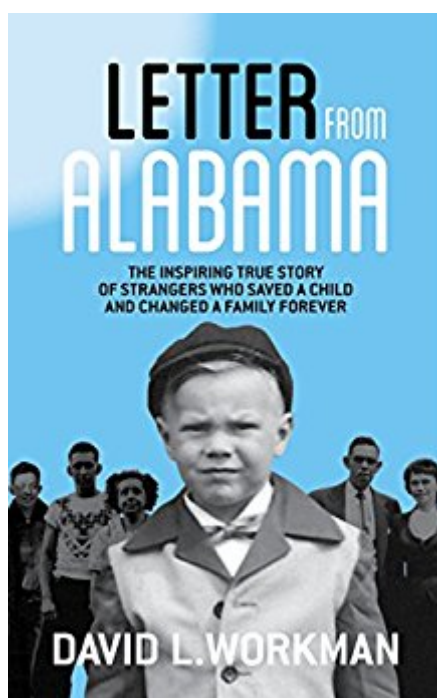


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Letter From Alabama: The Inspiring True Story Of Strangers Who Saved A Child And Changed A Family Forever



Synopsis

David's life could turn out very, very badly. His mother dies suddenly when he is an infant. Then at age two, he is gone. Vanished, with his father, and abandoned in a far-away place. His future hangs on a Letter from Alabama, a piece of paper that must travel hundreds of miles in an envelope. Then it must land in exactly the right place in a busy office where nobody is under any obligation to read it or pay any attention to it. This is the true story of that letter, and all that will transpire because of it. It's the story of human failure, and human triumph. Forgiveness and redemption. It is a testament to, and a prayer of thanks for, good and decent people everywhere who stand up for a child when they don't have to when they have nothing to gain and perhaps much to lose. It's a tribute to those who see the potential in a young person and give that person a chance to be the best that he or she can be. They are the heroes for whom this story is now committed to writing.

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David Workman's memoir provides an inspiring, often bittersweet portrait of a boy growing into a manhood shaped and guided by loving, nurturing family. His mother dead, his father disappeared, the toddler is taken in, cared for, and eventually joins a unique, loving family. The book follows Workman from those early years through a life of personal and professional triumphs as a son, brother, husband, father, journalist, editor, writer. Full disclosure: I was lucky enough to know Workman in high school, to benefit from his knowledge working with him on our school paper, and I take pride in thinking of him as a friend. However, that personal connection aside, this is a fine, well written book that blends his personal story with the greater events of American life in the second half of the 20th Century. Workman's celebration of family deserves to be read. R. Headley.

I found the style a little strange. David is a retired newspaper writer and editor from the days when that was still a craft to be proud of and it shows very much in his writing. The thing is that he is writing about his own life and family in a semi-dispassionate third person voice that can create a bit of a mental disconnect at times because you know he is writing about himself. Thinking back over the story though, I'm not sure there was any other way he could have told the story he wanted to tell. The book is sort of a combination auto-biography, family history, and homage to the people important to him in his life. I find family histories and connections fascinating, and David's life certainly had some extraordinary occurrences that made it a story worth telling. The thing is, although it was told, for the most part, in a newsman's factual style, I often found myself tearing up over bits of the story. This isn't a long story, but I found it well worth the time I spent reading it and suspect I will think on aspects of it for some time.

While the story was well written, it was a memoir and reads like a list of things that happened. It kept me reading until about half way through. I felt the author was a good man and was fondly remembering amazing facts that gave him a second chance at life. The book was a testament to me that God watches over children and helps them in unthinkable ways. I stopped reading about halfway through and skipped to the end because I wanted to know if he ever found out what happened to his father; why he was abandoned. I didn't care for the list type way that events were recorded. While it was interesting, my brain needed a little more stimulation to pull me along.

The author of this book was abandoned by his birth father in Alabama. It is a heart touching story of how he became rescued by a loving family, raised in a wonderful household, and then later in life learned about family he never knew much about. David Workman, once a newspaper editor, is an accomplished writer, and he tells how he recently came to meet family members he had never even heard of before his wife encouraged him to check into his personal history.

Indeed, those of us who know and love Dave have a profound respect for him. He has touched countless youth with a spirit that soars. ESAM! He has spoken openly about his life as a youth, but the names and relationships were always bewildering. I'm happy he was able to write about it, and more so that I finally understand. Bless you David.

A true story about the life of the author David L. Workman and his extended family. His is an unusual story. I don't know why I continued to read it after the first few pages as it became very confusing to me. To me it's a list of names, dates and places that I never could keep straight. It is interesting to see what the ramifications of A Letter From Alabama are.

Unless your a relative or an ancestor to this family, this book was horridly boring. I only read halfway through. I couldn't take it any more. This is no different than what any of our ancestors lives were like. Everyone has a story, doesn't mean we write a book, who would care?

I was looking for a wonderful read when purchased this book. I found interesting albeit a bit disjointed. The narrative jumped around and it was hard to keep up with as I followed the families through time.

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