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Kevin Powell is one of America's leading voices in these early years of the 21st century. He has lectured and performed humanitarian and civil rights work in America, and internationally. As an award-winning writer Kevin is the author/editor of 11 books, including his latest, Barack Obama, Ronald Reagan, and The Ghost of Dr. King, a collection of blogs and essays that explore the politics and culture of America in the era of President Obama. Kevin's writings have appeared in a range of publications, including Newsweek, The Washington Post, CNN.com, Ebony, Essence, Esquire, Rolling Stone, The Huffington Post, and Vibe, where he worked for several years as a senior writer.



Although Kevin has no memory of it, he was born near the tail end of the Civil Rights Movement, the product of a single mother, an absent father, extreme poverty, and the kind of life conditions Dr. King sought relief for near the end of his life. What saved Kevin's life, he says, was a deep faith in God, the vision of his mother, and the opportunity to get an education. This is why Kevin Powell's life work is dedicated to helping others, and why he says *"My life-calling is to be a servant for the people, period. Money, fame, status, personal achievements, and all that means very little to me when pain and suffering are still real on this planet. I am interested in the powerless becoming powerful."*

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