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Editorial Review

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Alice Walker, author of *The Color Purple*, is an international activist and self-professed womanist. This pleasing collection of short essays amounts to a very personal stroll through her psyche. Sharing touchstones and demons, she serves up a spirited defense of Winnie Mandela, accused of taking part in kidnapping and torture; a quest to mark the grave of Zora Neale Hurston, an "African AmerIndian" folklorist who chronicled the lives of Southern American blacks in the 1920s and '30s; poignant, angry witnesses at a conference in Ghana devoted to stopping female genital mutilation; and life lessons her daughter taught her. Walker's opinions are enriched by her poetry and highlighted by the whimsical phrases and titles with which she frames serious subjects.

From School Library Journal

YA. Students pondering the possibilities of becoming writers will embrace this account of one famous writer's odyssey. For poet and novelist Alice Walker, activism and writing are one. Her strong quest for justice resonates eloquently in deed as well as word in this collection of eclectic essays. Wide ranging and anecdotal, they cover topics as diverse as her cat; the scars on the face of Samuel Zan, general secretary of Amnesty International; the "Goddess-given" autonomy of women; and thoughts on an American film, *Follow Me Home*. Concrete, energetic, and clear, the author's sentences prove that George Orwell is right: "Never use a long word when a short one will do." The result is highly readable, albeit with Walker's lyrical touch: "My heart is by now in its rightful place, in proximity to my hands, which are made to reach out, as I write, to all those around me." And reach out she does, with a thoughtful, original selection of subjects illustrating a mind at work, evolving as she practices the writer's craft. This collection will be highly valued.
Margaret Nolan, W. T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA

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From Library Journal

Noted African American writer Walker has strung together a little bit of everything here, using her activism as a unifying thread. She includes her work against the practice of female genital mutilation, already well known, as well as less well-publicized opinions like her devoted support of Fidel Castro, whom she sees as "a person with immense spiritual power," "a secular 'priest' who finally picked up the gun." That Walker writes better fiction than nonfiction is evident in the first section of this book, where she quotes a long selection from *The Color Purple*. This latest offering is not the place to start with Walker's work, but it is recommended where there will be demand for anything by her.

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