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READING GROUP GUIDE

VINTAGE

KAMALA HARRIS



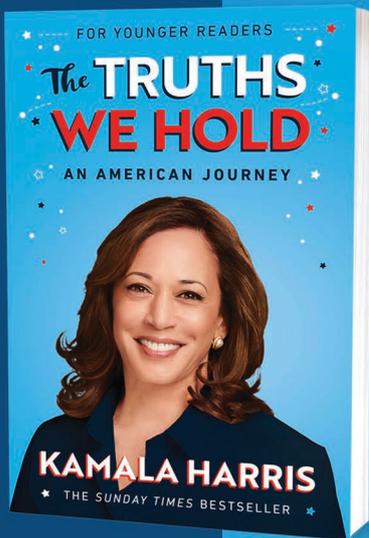
THE STORY SO FAR...

The daughter of immigrants and civil rights activists, Vice President Kamala Harris was raised in a California community that cared deeply about social justice.

As she rose to prominence as a political leader, her experiences would become her guiding light as she grappled with an array of complex issues and learned to bring a voice to the voiceless.

Kamala D. Harris is the first woman and woman of colour to be elected Vice President, a lifelong public safety and civil rights leader, who served until recently as a U.S. Senator from California. She began her career in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, then was elected District Attorney of San Francisco. As California's Attorney General, she prosecuted transnational gangs, big banks, Big Oil, for-profit colleges and fought against attacks on the Affordable Care Act. Harris also fought to reduce elementary school truancy and pioneered the nation's first open data initiative to expose racial disparities in the criminal justice system and implemented implicit bias training for police officers.

The second black woman ever elected to the U.S. Senate, Kamala Harris has worked to reform the American criminal justice system, raise the minimum wage, make higher education tuition free for the majority of Americans, and protect the legal rights of refugees and immigrants.



READING GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Kamala Harris won her race for the senate in 2016, but the outcome of the Presidential election wasn't what she hoped for. How do you think she felt? Has there been a time where achieving something hasn't been what you thought it would be?
2. Kamala Harris says that many problems cannot be solved without honesty and difficult discussions. Can you think of a time where you've had to have a difficult conversation like this? How did it feel? What was the outcome?
3. How do you think Kamala Harris's views were shaped by her parents and upbringing? How do you think your family may have shaped you?
4. Through her career, Kamala Harris has had to face many challenges. Can you think of a time when you've had to confront something that seemed undefeatable?
5. Many people already have ideas about who Kamala Harris is, that may not be true. Do you think this book will change their minds? Did anything you read change your opinion of her?
6. Kamala Harris' life wasn't without obstacles. Do you think our failures shape us more than our successes? How do you react to setbacks?
7. Kamala Harris is the first woman and woman of colour to be elected Vice President. Do you think it's important for us to see people like themselves in high positions? Why? How does it make you feel?
8. Kamala challenges her readers to 'be part of the solution'. What do you think she means by that? Has the book inspired you to take any positive action yourself?
9. Think of a cause you feel strongly about. Brainstorm some ideas about how you and your friends could inspire your peers to raise awareness for it.