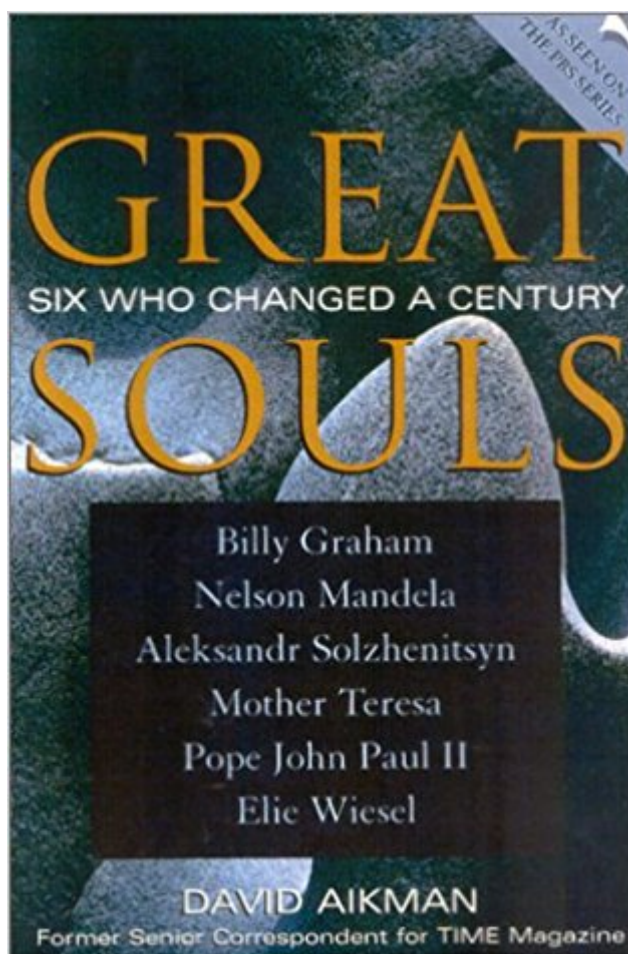




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Great Souls: Six Who Changed A Century



Synopsis

As a senior journalist with Time magazine, David Aikman witnessed some of the most important world events and interviewed many of the prominent global power figures of his time. In this moving volume, Aikman profiles six of these figures: Billy Graham, Nelson Mandela, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II, and Elie Wiesel. He explains how each of these luminaries personify specific virtues that are sorely needed today: salvation, forgiveness, truth, compassion, human dignity, and remembrance. Aikman's meticulous research provides extraordinary insights into the lives of these great individuals who have changed the century by their works and personal examples. These beautifully written profiles—based on personal interviews with some of these "great souls"—provide the reader with models of excellence that will delight the mind and lift the spirit.

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Customer Reviews

Aikman deserves credit for writing biographies that not only are reliable and highly readable but also—because of the figures he chose to write about—morally elevating. Ultimately, *Great Souls* is about commendable qualities that people of any religious commitment, or even none at all, can and should recognize. (The Weekly Standard) Readers with sharp dislikes for any of these six might be surprised to find themselves wavering after the author makes his case. They might even test the breadth of their human sympathy by trying to embrace both Mandela and Solzhenitsyn, both Graham and Wiesel. (Books and Culture) *Great Souls* is a good read, eloquently showing how

ordinary individuals with extraordinary discipline and will have risen above numerous kinds of adversity to influence the world for good. (San Antonio Express)Great Soulsâ serves as an excellent introduction to six remarkable lives. Best of all, it answers the questions, "Where have all the heroes gone?" They are right in front of us. (Lexington Herald-Leader)

David Aikman is a former senior correspondent for Time magazine and covered international affairs for more than twenty years. He reported several Man-of-the-Year cover stories, including those on Deng Ziaoping, Corazon Aquino, and Mikhail Gorbachev.

It was truly wonderful to read David's biographies of these great souls. There is quite a warts-and-all documentary style to this, but I really felt that I got into the lives of the people. For instance, I felt like I got a better picture of Billy Graham from the one chapter on him here than I did from the whole of Graham's autobiography. Full disclosure: I know David a little, we go to church together. But it's STILL a great book. I hope you can still find it around.

This is a great book. The subjects covered are truly great souls. This book gives you a deeper look into the lives of Billy Graham, Nelson Mandela, Aleksander Solzenitsyn, Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II, and Elie Wiesel. Each one shaped our lives in a profound way. A must read

The original hardcover edition from 1998 is a timeless treasure. An in-depth treatise into the lives, character and virtues of individuals who made a difference in that era.

I read this book for an undergraduate class on great leaders, and I found it to be a great read. The six souls covered each had an incredible impact on the twentieth century and deserve the recognition Aikman gives them. Aikman also does so in a style that is enjoyable and easy to read. I definitely recommend this book.

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Overall great book!!

Every person should make a habit of reading about people who make the world a better place. This book tells of the lives of such people. A must read for cynics!

Great book. The author gives in goes into detail the bio of each of these wonderful people.
Interesting people written in an interesting way.

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