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“Words mean more than what is set down on paper,” Maya Angelou wrote in her groundbreaking memoir *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. Indeed, Angelou’s words have traveled the world and transformed lives—inspiring, strengthening, healing. Through a long and prolific career in letters, she became one of the most celebrated voices of our time.

Now, in this collection of sage advice, humorous quips, and pointed observations culled from the author’s great works, including *The Heart of a Woman*, *On the Pulse of Morning*, *Gather Together in My Name*, and *Letter to My Daughter*, Maya Angelou’s spirit endures. *Rainbow in the Cloud* offers resonant and rewarding quotes on such topics as creativity and culture, family and community, equality and race, values and spirituality, parenting and relationships. Perhaps most special, Maya Angelou’s only son, Guy Johnson, has contributed some of his mother’s most powerful sayings, shared directly with him and the members of their family.

A treasured keepsake as well as a beautiful tribute to a woman who touched so many, *Rainbow in the Cloud* reminds us that “If one has courage, nothing can dim the light which shines from within.”

## **Rainbow in the Cloud: The Wisdom and Spirit of Maya Angelou Details**

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## **From Reader Review Rainbow in the Cloud: The Wisdom and Spirit of Maya Angelou for online ebook**

### **Denise Mullins says**

Would never have selected this on my own; it was a book club pick. Mercifully short (less than 100 pages including photos), this collection of Angelou's musings reminded me of Hallmark card messages or Chicken Soup homilies better used for teachable moments to middle school students. Not my cup of tea.

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### **Mindy Kannon says**

Great little book filled with amazing wisdom!

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### **Andrea says**

There is so much inspiration to be found in the pages of this book! Maya Angelou has always made me stop and think better of myself and others no matter their circumstances, where they came from and where they are going to. A few quotes I just love and work at living by:

"If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be." (p.84)

"If one has courage, nothing can dim the light which shines from within." (p.69)

"Our young must be taught that racial peculiarities do exist, but that beneath the skin, beyond the differing features, and into the true heart of being, fundamentally, we are more alike, my friend, than we are unlike."

There are so many more points of wisdom to read and be inspired by and her spirit lives on in her legacy of writing and sharing her true vision of the world. What an extraordinary lady she was.

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### **Victoria Moore says**

"Rainbow in the Cloud: The Wisdom and Spirit of Maya Angelou" is the most meaningful and heartfelt book I've read so far this year. Broken up into various chapters from "Childhood and Parenthood" to "Womanhood" the black and white photos included, along with Angelou's quotes and poems, gave me a total experience in the presence of a great writer.

Some poems such as "I was born to work up to my grave But I was not born To be a slave", stayed with me long after I read it. Through the years I've looked to Angelou for guidance, since she accomplished so much despite racial and gender obstacles, and by reading this book I was able to continue that journey with her even though she's no longer with us.

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## **Wellingtonslp says**

I liked this book which was a compilation of many of Maya Angelou's most famous bits of wisdom by topic area. Her son put the book together after her recent death as a tribute to her and to honor her. Some of my favorite bits of her wisdom include:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

"When people speak with brutal honesty, what is most remembered is the brutality, not the honesty."

"If one has courage, nothing can dim the light which shies from within."

"Develop enough courage so that you can stand up for yourself and then stand up for somebody else."

"If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you are."

"My hand is in the small of your back; I may let you stumble, but I will never let you fall."

"Since life is our most precious gift and since it is given to us to live but once, Let us so live that we will not regret years of uselessness and inertia."

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## **Book Reviews by Tara says**

A quick read I read it in less than a hour. This is a compilation of Maya Angelou's most impactful words of wisdom. Some of the chapters include Love & Relationships, Literature, Spirituality, Grace, Courage, Emotions and Self-Esteem plus many others. This is the perfect book to lift your spirits when you're not feeling your best. Dr. Angelou gives the reader that old school wisdom that quite frankly, is simply hard to come by today. I am so grateful for books like this because it fills me with inspiration when my tank is on E!

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## **Jennifer says**

This is a beautiful book. It can be read, cover to cover, in a very short time. The answers to all life's meaningful questions can be found inside. Before I began seriously reading it, I randomly flipped to a page and what I found brought a smile to my face and made me cry, all at the same time. Beautiful!

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## **Jordyn says**

The book rainbow in a cloud by Maya Angelou was by far one of the best books I have ever read. When you read her books its like you can hear her voice and her presence. This book is a tribute to some of the best work shes done, it has excerpts in here from I know why the cage bird sings to letter to my daughter. This book contains advice and how she dealt with certain situations. Her writing is a true work of art and I recommend it to everyone.

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## **Artemisia Hunt says**

A lovely little volume that is a mixture of sometimes uncanny wisdom and wry, but playful humor, from the late Maya Angelou. An added benefit: some wonderful photos from the long life of this beautiful and

inspiring woman.

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### **Kenya Wright says**

A good read. Lots of wisdom. I think the problem for me is that I thought it would be poetry. lol

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### **Amanda says**

Great collection of quotes from Maya Angelou, lots of wisdom and good advice.

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### **Kate says**

A selection of Maya Angelou's beautiful thoughts and quotations organized according 13 different themes. The title is very fitting for the sentiment of the book.

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### **writer... says**

Inspiring collection of insights with responses resonating in me as I read.

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### **synequeen says**

quick read, if you are looking for some of maya's best quotes. great for reference and citations

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### **Christina says**

I believe that each of us comes from the Creator trailing wisps of glory. -MA

If you are always trying to be normal, then you will never know how amazing you can be.-MA

Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women. -MA

There were times when it was said that I had more determination than talent. This may be said of many. It may also be said that life loves the person who dares to live it. -MA

The idea of overcoming is always fascinating to me. It's fascinating because few of us realize how much energy we have expended just to be here today. I don't think we give ourselves enough credit for the overcoming. -MA

It is said that courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue with consistency. -MA

We are not our brother's keeper; we are our brother and we are our sister. We must look past complexion and see community. -Maya Angelou

Let me remind all women that we live longer and better lives when we have sisters we love, not necessarily born in our bloodline or of our race. -MA

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