

# DEATH OF A KING TAVIS SMILEY

The Real Story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Final Year WITH DAVID RITZ

A REVEALING AND DRAMATIC CHRONICLE OF THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S LIFE

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.** died in one of the most shocking assassinations the world has known. But the real story about the life “Doc” led in his final year has been buried by time and revisionist history. In *Death of a King*, *New York Times* bestselling author and award-winning broadcaster Tavis Smiley recounts the final 365 days of King’s life, revealing the minister’s tribulations and trials—denunciations by the press, rejection by the president, dismissal by the country’s black middle class and militants, assaults on his character, ideology, and political tactics—between April 1967 and 1968. This is the real story of a forgotten year in which King faced great despair and devastating pressure.

Smiley has conducted new interviews with King’s family and associates, but he’s also writing from a deeply personal place, painting a vivid portrait of a leader and visionary in a singular narrative. Here is an exceptional glimpse into King’s life—one that adds both nuance and gravitas to his legacy and explains why he’s truly an American hero.

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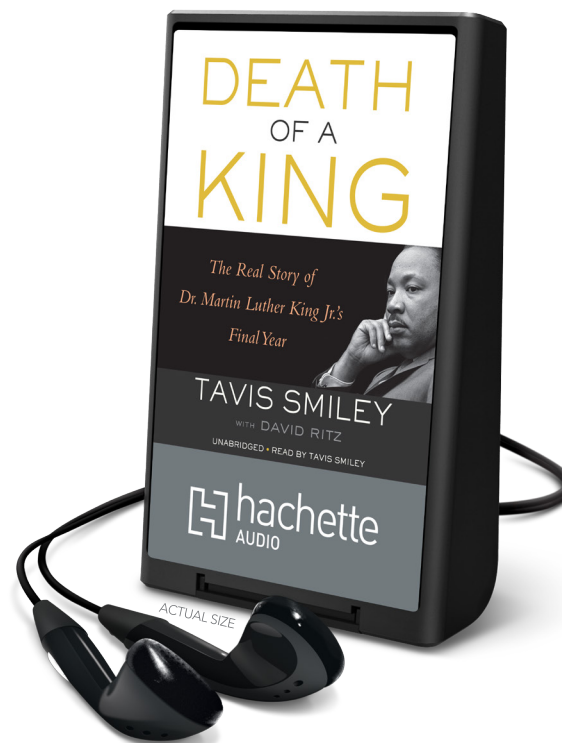
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