Deep River And The Negro Spiritual Speaks Of Life And Death (Howard Thurman Book)
Dr. Howard Thurman explores how protest and resistance are expressed in spirituals as well as how these songs have been a "spiritual watering hole" in his life.

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Customer Reviews

Howard Thurman, grandson of an enslaved grandmother, author, philosopher, and writer, offers two books in one with "Deep River" and "The Negro Spiritual Speaks of Life and Death." Both volumes describe with amazing insight the depths of meaning held in the slave songs. Thurman provides accurate and detailed background along with experiential wisdom that bring the spirituals to life for all readers, regardless of race. Reviewer: Bob Kellemen, Ph.D., is the author of "Beyond the Suffering: Embracing the Legacy of African American Soul Care and Spiritual Direction," "Soul Physicians," "Spiritual Friends," and the forthcoming "Sacred Friendships: Listening to the Voices of Women Soul Care-Givers and Spiritual Directors."

This is a wonderfully impressionistic take on Slave spirituals, and how they were used to transcend their condition in this world. There is practically nothing on the history, and nothing on the musicology. It deals with the theology of the slaves at that time, based on what little they could see of the Christian Bible, plus memories of their homeland traditions. There is also a thread of thought which says that we will earn our reward in heaven, and massah will not. A wonderful book to read in
conjunction with the Psalms of the Old Testament

I can't find the original lecture. This is a beautiful work, inspiring and still relevant.

Amazing!!

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