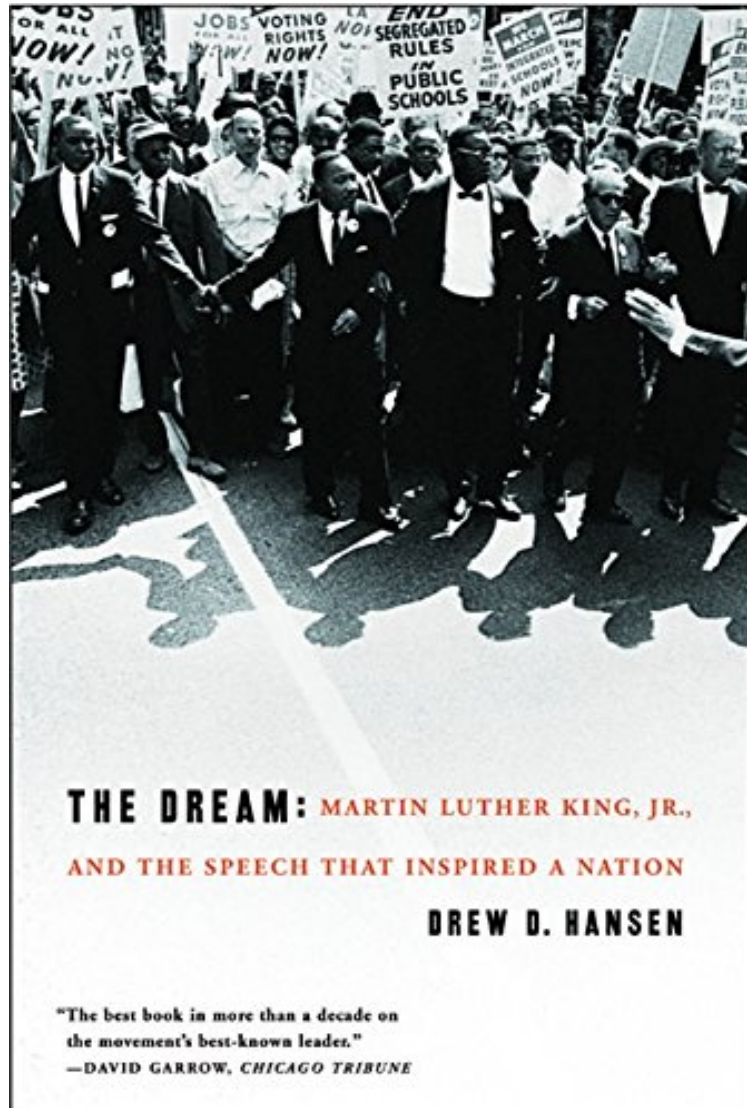


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On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr., electrified the nation when he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. In *The Dream*, Drew D. Hansen explores the fascinating and little-known history of King's legendary address. *The Dream* insightfully considers how King's speech "has slowly remade the American imagination," and led us closer to King's visionary goal of a redeemed America.

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