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Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, a former middleweight prizefighter whose 1967 imprisonment for a triple homicide at a Paterson, New Jersey, bar became a cause célèbre in the 1970s for the likes of Bob Dylan and Muhammad Ali, was released from prison in 1985 by a federal judge who cited a conviction predicated on "an appeal to racism rather than reason." Carter says that his true freedom was actually achieved within prison walls after he chose to focus not on his release but rather on personal transformation through the study of religious and philosophical texts, a process conveyed here with transcendent wisdom if not concision. Carter also discusses his efforts in Canada to secure the release of similarly wrongly convicted people. For more information about Carter, check out Sam Chaiton and Terry Swinton's Lazarus and the Hurricane (1991) and James Hirsch's Hurricane (2000). --Alan Moores

#### Review

"Rubin Carter describes his truly inspiring journey through his early life of brutality and suffering into his current life of hard-won spiritual affirmation and worldwide advocacy for the wrongly convicted. His views on the American justice system and the death penalty are outspoken, uncompromising, and ultimately accurate. Dr. Carter's autobiography presents the unique and passionate vision of a unique and passionate man." —Sister Helen Prejean, author, *Dead Man Walking* 

"When a judge is responsible for freeing a person whom he believes has been wrongly convicted of murder, he worries whether he will live to regret or be proud of that decision. When it comes to Rubin Carter, I have no regrets. He has justified my faith in him, and I am proud of the person he has become. He is a testament to the human spirit." —Judge H. Lee Sarokin, retired, U.S. Appeals Court

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"An uplifting tale of how a man can transcend shackles of all sorts." —Globe and Mail

"Long story short, if Eye of the Hurricane doesn't inspire you, nothing will." —Smooth Magazine

"Essential for the socially conscious." —Library Journal

#### About the Author

The recipient of two honorary doctor of law degrees, **Rubin "Hurricane" Carter** is former chair and CEO of Canada's Association in Defense of the Wrongfully Convicted and currently serves as CEO of Innocence International. His life is the subject of the film *The Hurricane*, starring Denzel Washington.

**Ken Klonsky** is a freelance writer and a prisoners' advocate.

Former antiapartheid activist, leader of the African National Congress, and president of South Africa, **Nelson Mandela** is a Nobel laureate and an international advocate for human rights.

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