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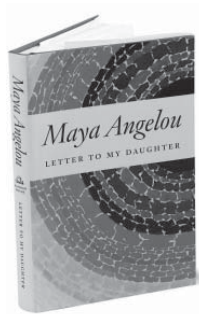
Below is a clipping of your book review that appeared in the January 09 issue of the *Sacramento Book Review*. Thank you for sending us the book.

Letter to My Daughter

By Maya Angelou

Random House, \$25.00, 166 pages

Maya Angelou is an inspirational woman. Born in 1928, she grew up primarily in Arkansas with her grandmother and moved to San Francisco at the age of thirteen. She lived through segregation and has been a prominent force in the Civil Rights movement. She has one son, with whom she became pregnant at the age of sixteen, and has been married numerous times. She has published many books of her writings, led a professional singing career, and traveled the world. *Letter to My Daughter* is Angelou's first collection of original writing to be published in ten years, and is destined to be a classic.



Letter to My Daughter is a short volume of essays, prose and poetry. It is filled with stories about her life, musings about Angelou's long-time home in Arkansas, independent life in San Francisco, her beloved son, and people Angelou has loved, influenced, or been influenced by. There are poems, authored by her, and a short essay on other prominent black poets. Here Angelou has written her thoughts on patriotism, on violence, and on faith, among other topics. I, personally, do

not identify particularly strongly with Angelou, but I cannot help but be moved by her writing. She writes from her heart and her writing is beautifully composed, with a flow that many other authors and poets never achieve. Recommended for any woman who needs a burst of inspiration and beauty in their lives.

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