



# Make Gentle the Life of This World: The Vision of Robert F. Kennedy

*Robert F. Kennedy , Maxwell Taylor Kennedy (Editor)*

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

# Make Gentle the Life of This World: The Vision of Robert F. Kennedy

*Robert F. Kennedy , Maxwell Taylor Kennedy (Editor)*

**Make Gentle the Life of This World: The Vision of Robert F. Kennedy** Robert F. Kennedy , Maxwell Taylor Kennedy (Editor)

A powerful memoir, compiled by Robert Kennedy's youngest son, contains stirring and compassionate writings recorded in the slain politician's personal journals throughout the 1960s. Reprint.

## Make Gentle the Life of This World: The Vision of Robert F. Kennedy Details

Date : Published May 4th 1999 by Broadway Books (first published 1998)

ISBN : 9780767903714

Author : Robert F. Kennedy , Maxwell Taylor Kennedy (Editor)

Format : Paperback 208 pages

Genre : Nonfiction, Politics, History, Biography, North American Hi..., American History

 [Download Make Gentle the Life of This World: The Vision of Rober ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Make Gentle the Life of This World: The Vision of Rob ...pdf](#)

**Download and Read Free Online Make Gentle the Life of This World: The Vision of Robert F. Kennedy** Robert F. Kennedy , Maxwell Taylor Kennedy (Editor)

---

## **From Reader Review Make Gentle the Life of This World: The Vision of Robert F. Kennedy for online ebook**

### **Ryan says**

Good selection of his quotes and writings - looking for wedding readings and found a few that might work, but maybe not.

---

### **Cynda says**

I learned how much this nation, and the world, lost when we lost Robert F. Kennedy. But more than that, I learned that we can still gain so much by studying his words and actions, and that his legacy will continue to give us hope.

---

### **Meena Gupta says**

"Let us dedicate ourselves to  
what the Greeks wrote so many years ago  
to tame the savageness of man  
and make gentle the life of this world."

Robert F Kennedy

( Speaking in Indianapolis, April 4th, 1968,  
after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King

---

### **Rob Daly says**

I still pick this book up from time to time. It is a wonderful tool for self reflection. You can find a lot of personal credos in this book.

---

### **Charles Gonzalez says**

As a 14 year old in 1968 I saw Bobby Kennedy speak in front of the Loews American movie theatre in the Bronx. My family was not particularly political and my mother was not going. Somehow I found out about his appearance and decided to walk the mile to the movie house. Of course later that year I was watching TV and his speech after the California primary and his assassination by Sirhan Sirhan. I have never had that feeling again for any political figure in American history. Perhaps it was the combination of killings, MLK and Bobby, perhaps a hangover from his brother's death just 5 years earlier. I just felt a connection to this relatively young man, who as I later grew up and read his history, had as many faults as any other being. But to this day, I remember him and his memory with pride, sadness and optimism. What might have been. I saved and watch his impromptu speech in front of an audience of African Americans announcing the death of MLK, quoting Aeschylus while speaking plainly of the need for all Americans to join together in fighting

the madness. I have witnessed no other politician or speaker equal Bobby's achievement that night. This volume, written and edited by his youngest son, encapsulated all of this history for me. It includes pieces of speeches Bobby made (including the MLK announcement speech), as well as quotations from writers and leaders he admired, including said Aeschylus but also Albert Camus, Tennyson and others. I discovered once again Bobby's genius, his passionate connection to ordinary Americans he met on his campaigns and his intellectual honesty. He was a visionary, a social progressive in the best context of that crazy word, but at the same time a realist, a pragmatic leader and a social commentator who understood, and was not afraid to express his belief in the limitations of government. There is no doubt he would be branded a DINO (Democrat in name only) by the progressive establishment today. But Sanders, et al cannot hold a candle to him, they are but dim, dimwitted shadows of his brilliance. May his memory live forever.

---

### **P.S. Winn says**

Reading this book makes me wonder if a time and a man like Robert Kennedy will ever be seen again. Can America rally around a person who wants to do good for all or have we become too cynical because of the abusive people that have been put into office. Did America really lower the bar so low we will never come back?

---

### **Maya says**

It took me a long time to read this very short book, because I insisted on reading it very slowly. Since it was all quotations - often very powerful ones - it was a lot to take in at once, and I wanted to make sure I absorbed it all. But it was perfect for inspiring myself before starting graduate school. I won't say more, at the risk of sounding cheesy.

---

### **Brakeyshia R. Samms says**

This was a great read. It was very inspiring. I really appreciated the diversity of issues that this book tackled, using quotes from RFK himself and others. Obviously there was political backdrop to some quotes, but it did not drown out the message of the book. I plan to re-read this book often, as I will derive new meanings from each quote. What a great man RFK was and will forever be.

---

### **Joanna says**

A neat little compilation of some beautiful quotations both by RFK and ones that he related to. Will definitely go back and re-read some of the passages and authors mentioned in more detail. My reservation about the book came mainly from the fact that some of the sections were very short and could have benefitted from more commentary e.g. comparing and contrasting selections from similar themes - I think a chronological order may have been a more interesting format, but nonetheless some nice nuggets.

---

## **Su says**

Those that don't agree with me on the political scene might want to skip this review...the book is a compilation drawn from Robert Kennedy's journal and his speeches. I reread it last week in the furor of the Obama campaign. I can't help but think it is possible for this country to be the place RFK envisioned. It is "too soon" to say much else.

---

## **Linda Hopf says**

Robert Kennedy's son tells us that Bobby and Jack (JFK) were both in the habit of collecting favourite quotes and writing down their thoughts/ideas - using them as inspiration for future writings and speeches. Max Kennedy is Bobby's ninth child and he has compiled some of his father's collection. He also went through all of RFK's speeches and writings and pulled some additional material. I am a huge fan of Robert Kennedy. I was too young when he died to appreciate the scope of what Americans lost with his death, although I have a clear memory watching TV seeing the coverage of his final journey by train, hundreds of people lining the track in silence. This book is a moving tribute and reminder of what slipped through their fingers. Wise and gentle words that even now can make us better.

---

## **Casey says**

An amazing collection of thoughts that I like to come back to as a reminder that every once in a while, history throws us a figure who felt truth love and empathy for his fellow man and fought to do what he could with the power in his life. Light and inspirational. I don't keep many books on my shelf for fear that they will sit there and never be picked up again, but this one is worth having around.

---

## **Lisa says**

I beautiful and powerful collection of quotes full of wisdom and history. This book started as JFK's notes and quotes that he liked that he wrote in his day planner. When he was assassinated in 1963 he brother, Bobby was the one to clean out the oval office. He took the book and began to add to it until his own assassination in 1968. It saw among thousands of papers until own of his youngest sons Maxwell, only five when his Dad was taken from him, began to read it. As he says, "In search of my father."

A quick read, but full of emotion and history.

---

## **James says**

His thoughts and words of wisdom apply today has we face the same challenges of social justice, and loss of community. A discussion of his vision of America and true leadership can guide a new generation as we face such a perilous time in our history.

---

## CC says

Hard to rate this one. I liked it a great deal. The photographs were five stars for sure. It was organized well enough.

I wish a bit more background was given in relation to some of the more famous quotes and speeches and thoughts of RFK -- quite a few of them I remember from watching the random Kennedy family documentary here and there on PBS, but the book didn't explain their surrounding circumstances with any detail.

Regardless, what a wonderful and idealistic man, RFK, and one who possessed the power to force that idealism into reality. He stood for civil rights. For the rights of the poor. For the underdog. The common man. The right to excel and accomplish, for all.

My favorite quotes: "to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world." -- RFK, speaking after the assassination of MLK.

-- "... when he shall die,

Take him out and cut him in little stars,

And he will make the face of heaven so fine

That all the world will be in love with night

and pay no worship to the garish sun." -- RFK, from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet", speaking about JFK, after his death.

---