



Lawyer, best-selling author, life coach, and nationally recognized speaker Iyanla Vanzant has always defied the expectations. Hailed as among the "most dynamic African-American speakers in the United States" by *Emerge* magazine, Vanzant is a nationally recognized inspirational speaker devoted to showing others the way to transform their lives. An award-winning author of five New York Times Bestsellers, her works include *Tapping the Power Within*, *Acts of Faith*, *The Value in the Valley*, *Faith in the Valley*, and two new guides to self-awareness and spiritual fulfillment: *In the Meantime: Finding Yourself and the Love You Want* and *One Day My Soul Just Opened Up: 40 Days and 40 Nights Toward Spiritual Strength*. Her first spoken word record, *In The Meantime: The Music That Tells the Story*, debuted on the Billboard charts in the #2 position, where it remained for seven weeks. Vanzant's personal experiences have given her profound insight into life which she utilizes in her approach to coaching others through life's challenges and difficulties. After she left her abusive first husband, she earned a BS in Public Administration and Education at Medgar Evers College and went on to earn a JD at City University of New York Law School at Queens College. With a solid education under her belt, Vanzant moved to Philadelphia with her children where she practiced as a public defender for three years. She later became an ordained minister, committed to a message based on the principles of divine power and self-determination. With her daughter Gemmia, Vanzant founded the Inner Visions Spiritual Life Maintenance Center where she met Thomas Leonard, the father of "Virtual Coaching." With his support and encouragement, she offered classes focused on transfor...

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