



Speeches That Changed Our Times

From 1945 to the Present

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The history of humankind has always been marked by natural catastrophes, migrations, discoveries, revolutions, and wars. But there have also been speeches that marked an era; instilling hope in crucial moments, reawakening the collective conscience of a population—or of all humanity.

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The thirty-eight speeches featured in this book were delivered over a period that ranges from immediately following World War II to today, and the authors include politicians and brilliant orators, as well as scientists, a writer, a missionary, a businesswoman, a talk-show host, and a young girl.

From Charles de Gaulle's announcement of the end of World War II in 1945, Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" in 1963 and Stephen Hawking's 2022 speech at his 60th birthday symposium, to Ursula von der Leyen's State of the Union address in 2022, ***Speeches That Changed Our Times*** invites you to read these masterpieces of oratory without restraining the emotions they provoke, in the hope that learning from the past will help build a better world for the present and the future.

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Eleanor
Roosevelt

Revised December 8, 1945

An appeal for the
adoption of the
Universal Declaration
of Human Rights

[illegible]Pope
John XXIII

United City Cruises, Ltd. 1984

Address on
the occasion of
the opening of the
Second Ecumenical
Council of the
Mission

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Stephen Hawking

Cambridge, United Kingdom, January 11, 2000

Speech at his sixtieth birthday symposium
on the Philosophy of Cambridge

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