

# Jesse Jackson



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Jesse Jackson, a powerful orator and indefatigable organizer, has been one of the most dynamic forces for social and political action in both the US and international arenas, campaigning for human rights and social justice. Through social action projects, as well as his own candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president in 1984 and 1988, Jackson became a worldwide spokesman for the minorities, marginalized, and poor. This biography traces his rise from his single-parent upbringing in Greenville, South Carolina, through his civil rights work with Martin Luther King, to social and political leadership, audacious international diplomacy, and continued efforts to "keep hope alive." It also covers his personal struggles and family life and includes commentary from those who have known him over the years. For decades, Reverend Jesse Jackson has been the foremost African-American activist and leader. He has used his considerable talent, charisma, and ambition with great success, and his many accomplishments are discussed here. Readers will learn how Jackson has manipulated the system to fight for economic justice and political goals, breaking new ground. He and his actions have also engendered animosity, resentment, and scorn, and critical views of him are presented as well. Numerous photos complement the biography.

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