

Praise for **THE SUM OF US**

"The Sum of Us is a powerhouse of a book about the deep, enduring, cross-cultural, multi-generational, and real-life cost of racist policy-making in the United States. . . . This is a book for every American, and I am grateful for McGhee's research, her humanity, and her never-more-important teachings."

—**ELIZABETH GILBERT**, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"In this critical moment where we have fallen so far apart, The Sum of Us is a book we all need. . . . This book provides an important and necessary piece of the equation—not just how racism hurts Black people and people of color, but white people too. The Sum of Us is a must-read for everyone who wants to understand how we got here, but more importantly, where we can go from here—and how we get there, together."

—**ALICIA GARZA**, author of *The Purpose of Power* and cofounder of Black Lives Matter

"If everyone in America read this book, we'd be not only be a more just country, but a more powerful, successful, and loving one. . . . A vital, urgent, stirring, beautifully written book that offers a compassionate road map out of our present troubled moment."

—**GEORGE SAUNDERS**, #1 *New York Times* bestselling and Booker Prize-winning author of *Lincoln in the Bardo*

"Racism sits at the heart of America, and McGhee shows its effects on the very people who cleave to it. The Sum of Us removes the cloak from this land of so-called innocents and brilliantly offers a path forward for the nation. This book is for all of us standing in the breach, working toward social change. With care and unflinching honesty, McGhee has written an extraordinary book for these difficult days."

—**EDDIE S. GLAUDE JR.**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own*

"What would it be like to live in an America where we embraced diversity as our superpower? Heather McGhee's The Sum of Us challenges readers to imagine a country where we are more than the sum of our disparate parts. . . . Hopeful, inspiring, and timely, The Sum of Us makes the case for the radical notion that 'we the people' means all of us."

—**CÉCILE RICHARDS**, cofounder, Supermajority, and former president, Planned Parenthood

"Heather McGhee is one of the wisest, most penetrating, most brilliant minds to set herself to the Big Problem of American democracy: how we share this country in a way that works for all of us."

—**CHRIS HAYES**, *New York Times* bestselling author and Emmy Award-winning news anchor