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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
In 1987, pediatric neurosurgeon Carson performed a successful operation that separated two twins born joined at their heads. He has been recognized worldwide for his extraordinary ability to perform intricate medical procedures like intrauterine brain surgery in his dedication to saving lives. But, as he says in this spiritual memoir, he wasn't always so successful. Carson recounts his young life growing up fatherless and with limited opportunities in Detroit. The change in Carson's life came very early, when his mother decided that her children could succeed in spite of their circumstances. Carson began reading two books a week in the third grade and was soon so hungry for knowledge that he read anything he could get his hands on. He performed so well in high school that he was accepted at Yale, and he is now the director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins. Success, he says, is a matter of focusing on the big picture and not the details. So often when we concentrate on the tiny details of life, we forget that God has a larger purpose for us. Using anecdotes from his medical career and scattering biblical illustrations throughout, Carson asserts that we can get a glimpse of the big picture by viewing hardship as an advantage, overcoming a victim mentality and determining priorities. He proposes that if we stop periodically and ask ourselves three questions?When my life is over, what do I want to be remembered for? What do I want to be doing five, 10, and 20 years from now? What do I want to be sure I am not doing five, 10, and 20 years from now??we will have an idea about the ways that the Big Picture can direct our lives. Carson's lively storytelling will capture the hearts of his readers.
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What made the difference? Belief in his own potential, a commitment to education and making the most of his opportunities to learn, determination to make the world a better place, and faith in a God who knows no limits. Seeing the Big Picture.

In The Big Picture, Ben Carson reveals the spiritual and philosophical foundations that undergird not just his dramatic career, but his approach to all of life. As in his best-selling Gifted Hands, Dr. Carson shares colorful, behind-the-scenes anecdotes. As in Think Big, he describes his practical principles for success. But The Big Picture is neither an autobiography nor a personal-effectiveness manual. Rather, it’s a multifaceted look at the faith and vision that can see us all through hardship and failure, and stir us to bold exploits on behalf of something greater than ourselves.

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A Renowned African-American Neurosurgeon Offers a Rich Perspective on the Things That Matter Most Gifted Hands, Ben Carson's successful autobiography, inspired readers through the story of an inner-city kid with poor grades and little motivation who became director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University Hospital by the age of thirty-three. In his follow-up motivational book, Think Big, Ben shared his life philosophy and a down-to-earth strategy that anyone could follow to achieve success. Now, in The Big Picture, Dr. Carson offers readers an up-close look at a professional surgeon's life--and his unique perspective on priorities, race, society, success, and living out a life of faith in a complex world. A busy man who must make life and death decisions every day, Ben Carson has learned about the importance of priorities. A successful and compassionate man at the top of the medical profession, he demonstrates with his life accomplishments what can be done when people live life according to solid biblical values. Noted for his groundbreaking work in the technologically complex field of modern neurosurgery, Dr. Carson offers a surprisingly simple formula for health, happiness, and living wisely. A black man who has reached the top of a white-coated world, Ben Carson offers a unique philosophy on achieving success, improving relations between the races, what medical breakthroughs mean to all of us, and why we must work for positive change in our troubled society. It may be just one man's perspective. But this noted surgeon's anecdotal, page-turning book can help us all get a better grasp on what's really important in life and how we can all make a difference.

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