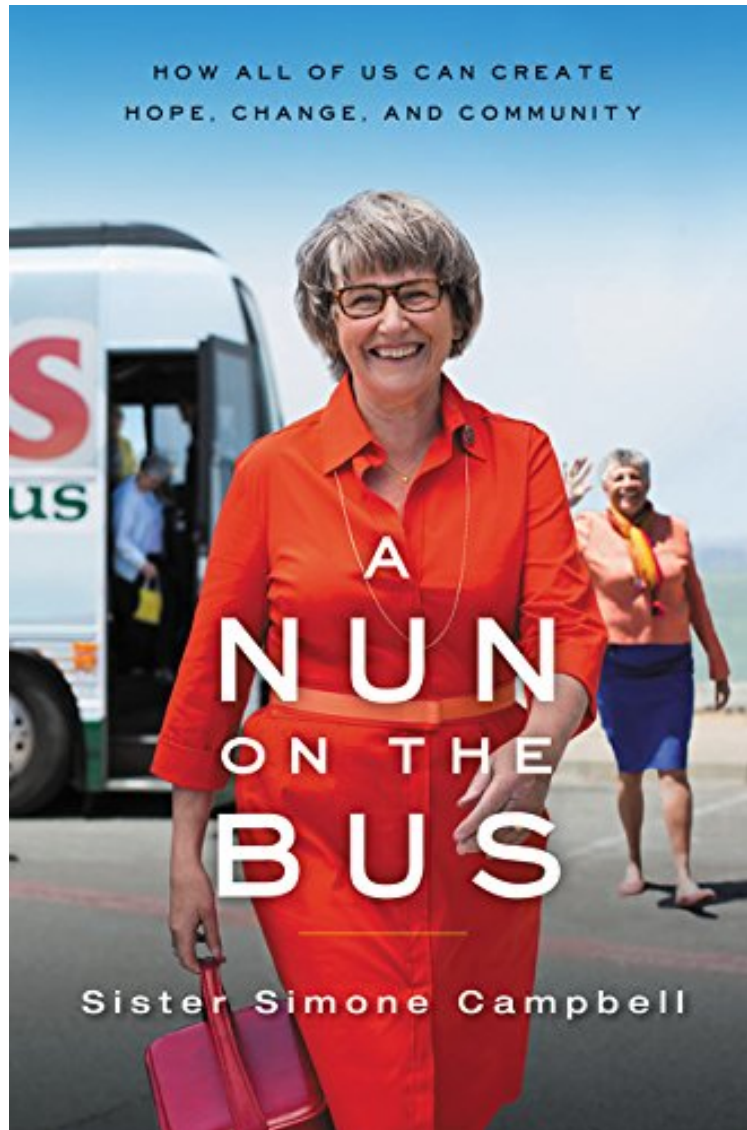


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voice crying out in the wilderness making way for the Lord in the streets of our States, in the halls of government. She puts action into the saying What Would Jesus Do. She and her fellow nuns, The Sisters of Social Justice, make up the organization called the Network. They address the issues of the poor, the working poor and immigration. She has had her share of bashers, including Pope Benedicts Vatican and some Catholic Priests especially when she took on Paul Ryans budget which taxed the working poor while giving tax breaks to the richest top percentbut she didnt back down, give up or remain quiet. Of course she is perfectly suited for her mission, because she is also an attorney who has served the legal needs of the poor.In her memoir, which is centered on the Nuns on the Bus tour in 2012-2013, she takes the reader through her own spiritual walk, showing how each step she took, and each yes to God, brought her to the place where she could speak to; and influence public policy. She shares stories of real people hurting in our societywhich has had for too long an only the survival of the fittest mentality which has created many of our social ills. Our way of government should not be a me mentality it must be a we the people to keep us strong. What would our nation be like if Pro Life didnt equate a certain political party, and instead meant life is sacred not only from conception but through out the days of natural life until the final breath? That each human being was treated as if they were valuable and we all did what we could to assist of fellow human beings in reaching their full potential. Would there still be people living in their cars, and children on the streets? Would the mentally ill be warehoused in our prisons? Would the education of our children be lagging behind so many other countries? There is so much more, and Sister Simones book will have you asking yourself if there is something you can do too. 5 stars.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Shows us the power that we have as human beings to change the worldBy Russell Alexander-OrozcoEnthralling, honest and real from start to finish. Sister Simone's story shows us the power of caring and community engagement.She has been able to stand up to the rhetoric or misinformation with her conviction of having the truth told, and not pandering to opinions.You don't have to be Catholic to enjoy this book. It's about the power of taking action in what you believe in and moving forward.It filled my heart with joy, and encouraged me to continue the community work that I'm personally involved in.She is now on my list of people that I admire the most in the world.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Read it! You'll like it!By jofachmIf you don't know Sister Simone Campbell, you should read this book. She is an extraordinary woman and has written a beautiful story of how she got to where she is now and why she is doing what she is doing. If you have not heard of "Nuns on the Bus," you will know all about it after you read this book. I recently heard Simone speak to a large audience after she was given an award for promoting peace and justice. If we could all adopt Simone's philosophy and spirituality, this country and world would be at peace.

Driving for faith, family, and fairnessIn the summer of 2012, Sister Simone Campbell and a group of fellow Roman Catholic nuns toured parts of the country to rally support against Congressman Paul Ryan's budget, a plan that cut vital social programs for the hurting poor and the struggling middle class. Prayer groups turned into rallies, and small town meetings became national media events. Sister Simone became a galvanizing force for progressives of all stripes and remains a driving force for programs and policies that support tolerance, equality, and justice.Rooted in a deep spirituality of compassion and service, Sister Simone gives voice to the hunger, isolation, and fear that so many people in America feel. She shows how we can create real transformation in our communities through the contemplative life of prayer. These powerful, inspiring stories from the Nuns on the Bus tour and from Sister Simone's own life offer a fresh vision for a lived spirituality that is at the heart of today's progressive Christian movements working for change.

From BooklistSister Simone Campbell gained both fame and notoriety on the national and international scenes when she became the spokesperson for NETWORKs fortieth-anniversary road trip in 2012. With several other nuns, she boarded a bus in support of health and social-justice issues. A practicing attorney for several decades, she provides a compelling report on how the road trip was organized and the intentions that sparked it and kept it energized. Before launching into the political and religious ethics underpinning that event, however, Sister Simone shares her autobiography, introducing readers to the social, spiritual, and intellectual influences that shaped her lifes work. Her religious community was founded on the grounds of improving social justice, and NETWORKs projects, as well as Sister Simones undertakings, draw on a history that is both feminist-positive, respectful of both diversity and tradition, and intended to provide justice for all. An excellent book to join a shelf with Simone Weils *Waiting for God* (1951) and Anita Casparys *Witness to Integrity* (2003). --Francisca Goldsmith If theres a single phrase to describe Sister Simone, it is compassionate conviction. With bravery, with courage, with optimism, she is focused on the common good. She is a champion for the cause of peace and justice. She has the will and the drive to do right. (Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi)I truly believe that the Nuns on the Bus campaign changed the national conversation on our national priorities and our budget. .Let me also congratulate one of my personal sheroes, and a clear and compelling voice for social justice: Sister Simone Campbell. (Senator Richard Dick Durbin)Who doesnt love a feisty nun? The Catholicism of Sister Campbellis the faith of social justice activists like Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, the church whose pope pleaded for relief of the misery and wretchedness pressing so unjustly on the majority of the working class. (New York Times)[Campbell] is an unusual combination of hardhitting political strategist and poetrywriting spiritual

figureCampbells style of engagement on the Hill is part Zen master, part political tactician. (Washington Post)Campbells advocacy is rooted in her faith, in doing what Jesus says we should do. (Chicago Tribune)Nuns have played many roles in Catholic history, from convent monastics to street activists, but its difficult to think of another nun like Sister Simone Campbell. A registered lobbyist and political strategist, she has exercised quiet but important influence in advancing liberal Catholic causes in Washington. (Time magazine)The Nuns on the Bus rolled into South Bend, Ind., on Thursday evening to find the same sort of enthusiastic crowds that often greet Notre Dame teams coming home after big wins on the road. (National Catholic Reporter)And on the fourth dayNuns on the Bus came to South Bend, Indianathe women religious involved in this nine-state pilgrimage met with 300 adoring, sign-waving supporters (Commonweal)My conservative friends insist Paul Ryans Roadmap is the answer to our economy to ensure a rosy future for our children These courageous nuns decided to follow their conscience and report what the real effects would mean for Americans. Nuns on the Bus are hitting the road with the facts (Detroit News)Nuns on the Bus share a gospel of community and collective responsibilityThe Nuns on the Bus speak with the kind of moral authority that politicians simply do not have, no matter how much they try to dress up Ayn Rands philosophy in religious rhetoric. (Examiner)Nuns on the Bus travel the continent on behalf of justice. It is hard to choose a word to describe the interaction between the crowd and the travelers. One could say enthusiastic, or excited, but none of those words really captures the mood. The only word that fits is love. (Peoples World)NETWORKs projects, as well as Sister Simones undertakings, draw on a history that is both feminist-positive, respectful of both diversity and tradition, and intended to provide justice for all. (Booklist)About the AuthorSister Simone Campbell is the executive director of NETWORK, a nonprofit Catholic social justice lobby in Washington, D.C. In 2012, Sister Simone organized NETWORK's Nuns on the Bus campaign that has attracted an avalanche of media attention in the United States and other parts of the world. Sister Simone, who in 1978 became an attorney and founded a community law center that served the legal needs of the working poor, is a long-standing member of the Sisters of Social Service and has appeared on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, The Colbert Report, The O'Reilly Factor, PBS with Bill Moyers, and all of the national radio and TV networks, and spoke at the 2012 Democratic National Convention.