



DR. JAIYA JOHN

AUTHOR POET PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER

DR. JAIYA JOHN BIO (ABBREVIATED)

Dr. Jaiya John was born into foster care in New Mexico, and is an internationally recognized humanitarian, author, speaker, poet, and youth mentor. Jaiya is the founder of Soul Water Rising, a global *rehumanizing* mission that has donated thousands of Jaiya's books in support of social healing, and offers scholarships to displaced and vulnerable youth. Jaiya is also the founder of *Harvest Project*, a global initiative reviving traditional gathering and storytelling practices to fertilize social healing and liberation. He is a former professor of social psychology at Howard University, has authored numerous books, and has spoken to over half a million people worldwide, including Indigenous reservations and communities, prisons and detention centers, shelters, and campuses. Jaiya is a National Science Foundation fellow, and holds doctorate and master's degrees in social psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, with a focus on intergroup relations and identity development. As an undergraduate, he attended Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, and lived in Kathmandu, Nepal, where he studied Tibetan Holistic Medicine through independent research with Tibetan doctors.

Jaiya's book titles include *Your Caring Heart: Renewal for Helping Professionals and Systems*, *Daughter Drink This Water (inspiration)*, *Calm: Inspiration for a Possible Life*, *Sincerity of Sunlight (inspiration)*, *Fresh Peace (inspiration)*, *Legendary: A Tribute to Those Who Honorably Serve Devalued Children*, *Beautiful: A Poetic Celebration of Displaced Children*, *Reflection Pond: Nurturing Wholeness in Displaced Children*, *Clear Moon Tribe (novel)*, *The Day Jumoke Found His Name (children)*, *Father to Son: Ode to Black Boys (spoken word)*, *Habanero Love: A Poem of Sacred Passion*, *Lyric of Silence: A Poetic Telling of the Human Soul Journey*, and *Black Baby White Hands: A View from the Crib (memoir)*.

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