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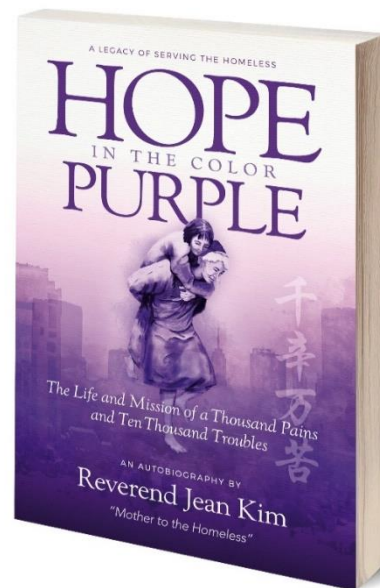
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## Advance Praise for Hope in the Color Purple

“Rev. Jean Kim tells a powerful story that opens the door to a deeper understanding of and compassion for those who are homeless. She weaves the Biblical story into the contemporary stories of those who have literally lost their homes and have no place to lay their heads as well as those who have experienced the distress and disorientation of losing a sense of any place that can be called ‘home.’ In so doing, she reminds us of what is essentially human and helps us imagine a better world and how we can shape it together.”

**Rev. Dr. James L. McDonald**  
**President and Professor of Faith and Public Life.**  
**San Francisco Theological Seminary. San Anselmo, CA.**  
**(Presbyterian)**

Bravery, compassion, grace, love and eternal optimism. Jean Kim tells her life story spanning from North Korea to Lynnwood, Washington talking her walk through a difficult childhood to her current place of honored elder in our precious community. Hope in the Color Purple closes its final chapters with Jean Kim’s tremendous success in providing pallet houses for students attending Edmonds Community College. Her drive to knock down barriers to human success and understanding of how to wrap around support for those who find themselves struggling to find hope in their daily life is unwavering. Many have been blessed, including me, to have crossed paths and warmed in the compassionate glow of dear Jean Kim. It was a painful delight to journey in the shoes of Jean through her Hope in the Color Purple memoir.

**Mayor Nicola Smith, Lynnwood, WA.**

Wow...This is a fascinating read. Jean Kim’s story is inspiring and heartbreaking all at the same time. It is enlightening, and humbling, to read the accounts of her powerful and painful experiences that lead her to be a resilient presence for the work of God in this world! The Reverend Doctor Jean Kim’s authenticity and grace shine through her words and her tears, (and mine as I read her story). Readers will be blessed, renewed, and ready to make a difference themselves in the world we all share.

**Rev. Dr. Julia M. Josund**  
**Senior Pastor, Edmonds Lutheran Church (ELCA),**  
**Edmonds, WA.**

As one of the purple people that Rev. Jean Kim loved and served, it is amazing to be able to read what put the fire in her soul to help homeless people. From all my interactions with the Rev. Jean I would have never guessed that she would have gone through such hardships like she did. Her story is truly inspiring me to want to use my hardships of being homeless toward something that can help others going through similar hardships. I hope one day I can gain the strength that is inside Rev. Jean to continue to fight while still going through so many struggles.

**Robert Okerstrom**  
**Homeless Student at Edmonds Community College, WA.**

I am the oldest of Rev. Jean Kim’s grandchildren. I am studying dentistry at the University of Washington, and my grandma is so proud of me. My grandma pours out her life and soul into telling a story of purple in a way that enlightens us of grueling hardships that she endured. She wrote this autobiography for us (John, Nina, and I) to not wonder where we came from, and we are forever grateful for the gift of sharing her story with us. Though written for us, I am convinced that her story is a brilliant example for all to see how perseverance, compassion, and purpose can come together in one tiny human being and make a difference in the world today.

**Paul Kim, Jean kim’s Grandson**

Dr. Reverend Jean Kim is the living definition of what the love and compassion of Jesus Christ demonstrated. Her story and vision she depicted in this book gave me a whole different perspective on life and the “American Dream.” I first met Jean Kim when I was broken, beaten, and homeless with five children and pregnant. Caught in the cycles of poverty, mental illness, and addictions as she so accurately describes in her story, is also my story. On page 13 Jean states, “I truly hope that all “pain-stricken purple people” in this world can be transformed into “hope-filled purple people”. I am writing here to validate the authenticity of this statement. Thank you, Reverend Jean Kim, for being a light in my cold, dark world and giving me the hope and support that I will continue on to give others. Thank you for the honor of reading your story. You are my mentor and fellow sister in Christ. May “His” work continue on.

**Michelle Grunder, Edmonds Community College**  
**Graduate/Student Social/Human Services Professional**  
**Advocate “Hope filled purple person”**

The Reverend Dr. Jean Kim is a proven advocate and champion of the homeless. Her autobiography offers clear insights into the soul behind the service. Her experience is instructive and at times sorrowful. Hers is also a story full of hope and vision. My belief is you, too, will be drawn in by her artful storytelling and agree that if not for war and division, she was destined to follow in her maternal grandfather’s footsteps by becoming a North Korean noble scholar and teacher herself (p. 26). That potential storyline was abruptly altered when “even though we owned vast land and orchards, we left North Korea with empty hands, with no cash in our pockets” (p. 36). The grace and mercy of God ever central in her life, her formative years were also influenced by the genuine threat of execution and exile. A difficult history to discuss, through photographs and her honest and open sharing, we are given access to a firsthand account of life in 1940s-1950s Korea. Equally as important, we are exposed to a consistent message embodied within her life and advocacy that we all should be inspired by: “I refused to be treated as an inferior, second-class human being [...]” (p. 59). Edmonds Community College is honored to be a partner with the Jean Kim Foundation. Humbled to call her, my friend.

**Dr. Steve Woodard, Dean for Student Success**  
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