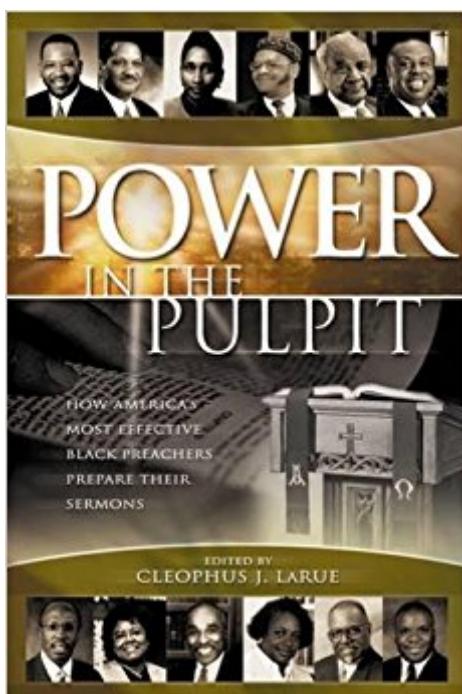


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# Power In The Pulpit: How America's Most Effective Black Preachers Prepare Their Sermons



## **Synopsis**

In this book, scholar and preacher Cleophus J. LaRue brings together the voices of twelve of America's most influential African-American preachers. Each of these renowned preachers describes his or her method of sermon preparation and includes a sample sermon for illustration. An excellent how-to manual for pastors and students, *Power in the Pulpit* is both sage wisdom on the art of preaching and an inspiring look at some of the most prominent figures in the black church.

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Cleophus J. LaRue is Francis Landey Patton Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. He is the author of *The Heart of Black Preaching* and the editor of *Power in the Pulpit: How America's Most Effective Black Preachers Prepare Their Sermons*, both available from WJK.

I have read fifteen books on preaching in the first six months of 2005. Having read them, if I could choose just one that helped me most as a preacher, it is this text. We hear from some of the best Black preachers in America - how they preach and a sample sermon of each. You sit at the feet of masters. I am a minister - white - who gained tremendously from these giants in our pulpits.

I was assigned to do a book report on this book as preparation for my doctorate. This is a great book that gives good information about how ministers prepare their sermons. The list of twelve

ministers from different backgrounds, genders, and denomination is a plus as well.

The effective Black preachers have different theological thoughts, but their styles is helpful for ones to embrace. However we can't be like them, but their preaching styles is helpful for ones to try. We have to be ourselves when we preach, and then someone may want to model us. Preparation of sermon material is a lot of work. Much is given much is required.

Power in the Pulpit is one of the most informative and entertaining books that I have read recently. It is a little bit hard to read in some spots, because of the big words that are used. However, that should be seen as a opportunity to improve your vocabulary by learning some new words. The book gives you a lot of tools that can be used in sermon preparation, and is useful in saving you from the agony of discovering on Saturday night that you are not prepared to preach the next day.

Still reading but great book to gain understanding on how to preach a powerful message while letting the congregation know where the power lies. Helps Preachers with sermon preparation and delivery.

Dr. LaRue was a professor at seminary while I was there. I heard him preach but unfortunately never wound up in any of his classes. This is a fabulous book---as I am 'white' and come from a 'white church background' (whatever that means) it was helpful to me in the diverse setting I find myself in as a resource to improve my own preaching--to help me think about rhythm and style and repetition.

really good book, quick ship. Thanks!

I highly recommend this book. We can learn from each other no matter the race. I received and paid for this book

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