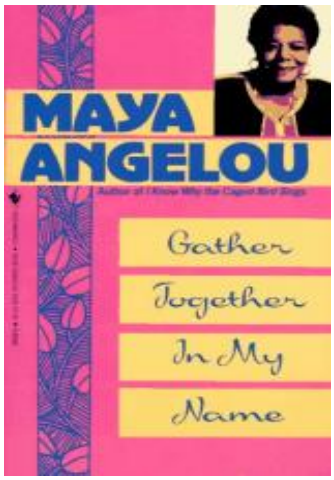
# Gather Together in My Name

by Maya Angelou




## About the Book

In ***Gather Together in My Name*** Maya Angelou continues her stunning autobiography. By turns hilarious and heartbreaking, passionate and mellow, she fills the pages with both wisdom and wonder as she brings us along in her struggle and dance through life.

## Discussion Guide

**1.**Rita's nonconformity is both a blessing and a curse. How do you think it hurts her--and helps her?

**2.**What does Rita learn about the stability of human relationships? Does she tend to trust others, or is she suspicious?

**3.**When Rita is thrown into the adult world, her innocence dies. When and how is her innocence reborn?

**4.** Rita has a series of unsuccessful relationships with men. She supposes that men leave her because they don't think she needs them badly enough. What about her might make men think this? Do you believe that she truly wanted the relationships; why or why not?

## Author Bio

Poet, writer, performer, teacher and director Maya Angelou was raised in Stamps, Arkansas, and then moved to San Francisco. In addition to her bestselling autobiographies, beginning with I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS, she also wrote a cookbook, HALLELUJAH! THE WELCOME TABLE, and five poetry collections, including I SHALL NOT BE MOVED and SHAKER, WHY DON'T YOU SING? She passed away on May 28, 2014 at the age of 86.

## Critical Praise

"This is the story of a great heroine who knows the meaning of a struggle and never loses her pride or dignity. Indeed, her story makes me proud of the human race. "

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