Faces of America: How 12 Extraordinary People Discovered Their Pasts

By Henry Louis Gates

New York University Press. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Faces of America: How 12 Extraordinary People Discovered Their Pasts, Henry Louis Gates, As a nation of immigrants, the American experience is vibrantly defined by the diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious heritage of its people. Americans carve out their personal histories by tracing genealogies, combing through family archives, and mining the stories and family trees of their elders. But how far back into your past can you actually go? If you could look even 400 years into your genetic history, what would that really look like? Since 2006, scholar and cultural critic Henry Louis Gates, Jr., has been helping African Americans find long-buried details of their ancestries by analyzing their DNA and then marrying that information to a wealth of historical data. Global in scope, Faces of America looks outside the Black experience to explore the roots and identities of twelve of America's most recognizable and extraordinary citizens, who are of Asian, Hispanic, Irish, Italian, Jewish, Syrian, West Indian, and Native American ancestry: Inaugural poet Elizabeth Alexander, chef Mario Batali, comedian and television personality Stephen Colbert, writer Louise Erdrich, writer Malcolm Gladwell, actress Eva Longoria, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, writer...

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