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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerIt's like I'm getting to know Malcolm on a deep intimate level1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Real Statement of Love, Loyalty And Respect For Malcolm X.By The Careful ObserverI begin this review wishing to express my profound respect for Mr. Benjamin Karim (who was known as Benjamin Goodman during the lifetime of Malcolm X). My respect mainly grows out of the choice that Mr. Karim had to make in March of 1964, when Malcolm X officially split from the NOI. Mr. Karim was "between a rock and a hard place" because he had to decide if he was going to "roll" with Malcolm, or if he was going to stay with the NOI. Ultimately, Karim chose to stay with Malcolm. That was not an easy choice, because not only was Malcolm under constant, physical threats, anyone who stayed with him, within his inner circle, was also under similar threats. The beauty of Karim's loyalty to Malcolm unfolds in his firsthand observation that all that Malcolm had given to The Nation, and the fact that as Karim contemplated his dilemma, he sought Malcolm's counsel

in making a decision. One indication of the sterling character of Malcolm X comes from the fact that he did not pressure Karim, one way or the other, in what he should do. Malcolm appealed to Karim's morals, experiences and reason, simply telling him...“to determine for [himself] on which side truth and justice lay, and in the light of that knowledge to make [his] choice and declare [himself]”. (pg. 164). Ultimately, Karim chose to follow Malcolm, a message that says tons about both Karim and Malcolm. There was no way Karim could turn against Malcolm after personally witnessing years of Malcolm's single-minded loyalty and efforts on behalf of The Nation. This may well be one of the most respectful, detailed and committed books by anyone from Malcolm's inner circle, which makes it an invaluable resource for anyone studying Malcolm's life. I love this book for its openness, its subtlety and its nuance, in spelling out a portrait of a deeply personal Malcolm that is hard to find in other writings. Karim came to have monumental respect for Malcolm, saying that even Ossie Davis' “Black Shining Prince” label during Malcolm's eulogy does not quite define the man that Karim knew. Instead, Karim saw...“the minister, from the Latin word for servant; our counselor, healer, judge, and peacemaker; the teacher at the blackboard with a world in his mind and a piece of chalk in his hand.” (pg. 200). This book “makes plain” (pun intended) the love, loyalty and respect that Benjamin Karim had for Malcolm X. It is excellent in documenting why Karim felt the way that he did, and in doing this, this book has become one of a host of books that I truly cherish about Malcolm. For anyone who loves and respects Malcolm X, as I do, I would encourage you to make this book part of your collection.

The first assistant minister to Malcolm X at Mosque Number Seven chronicles Malcolm X's life, discussing his role as dedicated teacher and mentor, his acts of charity, his politics, and his assassination. Simultaneous.