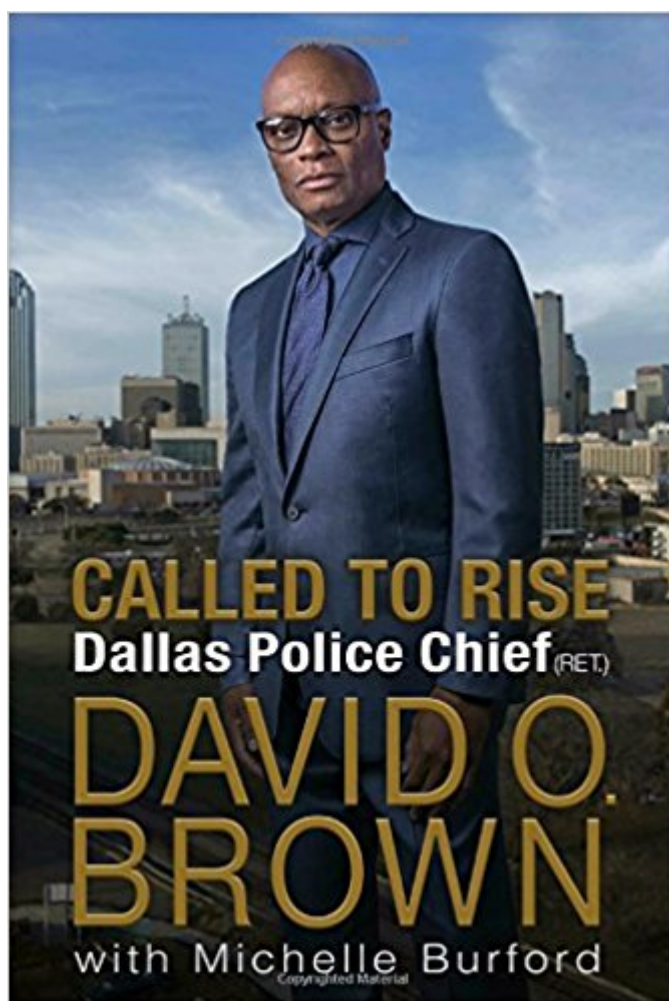


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# Called To Rise: A Life In Faithful Service To The Community That Made Me



## Synopsis

The Dallas police chief who inspired a nation with his response to the killing of five of his officers shares his personal story and his faith in America's potential to unite communities through a dedication to transparency and trust. "The real deal: a real Christian, a real man, a real leader." —Whoopi Goldberg, *The View* "A front-row seat to the tension between law enforcement and minority residents nationwide." —*The Dallas Morning News* On July 7, 2016, protesters marched in the streets of Dallas to demonstrate against the killings of unarmed black men by the police. As the peaceful event drew to a close, a sniper opened fire, targeting white cops and killing five of them. Into this charged situation stepped Dallas police chief David O. Brown, who, with a historic new tactical approach, quickly ended the gunman's siege and calmed his community and the nation. In this powerful memoir, Chief Brown takes us behind the scenes of that tragedy and shares intimate moments from his early life: his childhood, in which he was raised by a single mom in a neighborhood poor in resources but rich in love and faith; his college years cut short when he felt called to save his hometown from its descent into drug-related violence; and, as he moved up the ranks, a series of deeply personal tragedies. His first partner on the job was killed in the line of duty; his younger brother was murdered by drug dealers; and during Brown's first month as chief of police, his mentally ill son was killed by a cop after taking two other lives. Called to Rise charts how, over his thirty-three-year career, Brown evolved from a "throw them in jail and let God sort them out" beat cop into a passionate advocate for community-oriented law enforcement, rising from crime scene investigator to S.W.A.T. team leader to the head of a municipal police department widely regarded as one of America's finest. Now retired, "America's chief" wants to bring his hard-earned knowledge of Dallas—emphasizing outreach, accountability, and inclusion—to help encourage unity in the nation's hurting communities. Chief Brown believes that we have to band together to engage in the kind of dialogue that can lead to solutions. In place of complaining, we all have to take action—and one first great step is to tune in to what is being said. *Called to Rise* explores the keys to that dialogue—trust, transparency, and compassion—that have made Brown a leader on the front lines of social change in America.

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“The real deal: a real Christian, a real man, a real leader.” —Whoopi Goldberg, *The View*  
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David O. Brown is a thirty-three-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department, from which he retired as chief in October 2016. Now a correspondent for ABC News, he is also an adviser for Texas organizations focused on positively influencing early childhood education efforts, mental health awareness and treatment, and assistance for formerly incarcerated persons. Chief Brown lives in Dallas with his wife and daughter. This is his first book.

Michelle Burford is a #1 New York Times bestselling author and a founding editor of *O: The Oprah Magazine*. She is a Harvard-trained journalist whose work has taken her to more than thirty-five countries on six continents. A native of Phoenix, Burford now lives in New York City.

Loved reading this book...down to earth writing....coming from a humble, Godly man...every person in policing and those that feel they know more than police needs to read and learn and help make our United States of America a Godly nation, again! Thank you (Ret.) Chief Brown and may God continue to Bless you & your family!

As a public school teacher, I understand being Called to Rise. Thank you for your service and sacrifices Chief David Brown!

Great book! Initial thinking while reading the first two chapters " this was just another decent Black man " who worked hard" (and there so so many) as a policeman, conformed to the status quo and move up to the top position on the force. I was somewhat correct !Yes, David was a good and decent "man" period. However, he was /is also a man who realized all the gifts one receives from a strong family/community and how he needed to, and did, give back to that family / community! He appeared to be a man of great faith, a true friend, and one who capitalized on his opportunities in ways that would had a tremendously positive impact on his family/community/our overall human community! He saw the hurt, the pain, the declining feelings, the lack of respect for family/community and decided to be an agent for change. He did it understanding the strengths and areas requiring improvement, both on the side community and policing! There's a lot more work to be done to fix our issues in this space, however, David provides an excellent road map. Read the book for yourself and agree or disagree ; David's approach will help our ailing national.

I saw Chief Brown on The Daily Show and had to read his story. What an amazing man, inspiring, a heart filled with love, so open, aware, and honest.. I couldn't put his book down. I'm in awe of people who overcome and continue to manage seemingly insurmountable challenges and who can impart wisdom and provide perspective in the grander scheme. Thank you, Chief Brown, for telling your story.

An excellent autobiography for many reasons, most importantly what you learn about the changing nature of police work from an experienced officer who served in a wide variety of settings. It's also an inspiring story of hard work and ethical choices which lead to success but also humility. Finally it's a story of faith and hope, neither which come easy, but marked all the way by grace.

Great story and I liked the details he gave about some of the situations he faced and how he came to the decision he took or understanding he had at the time. He should write a good on how to handle emergencies in a big city and using cases of his time in Dallas to further explain his teaching...

This is the good inspiring story of a black police chief. It was also interesting to me because I worked for Community Services in the Dallas Police Department, leaving the year he joined

Very good book. It helps that I am in the Dallas area and am familiar with him and the streets and

places he talks about in his book. A tough leader of the Dallas Police Force.

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