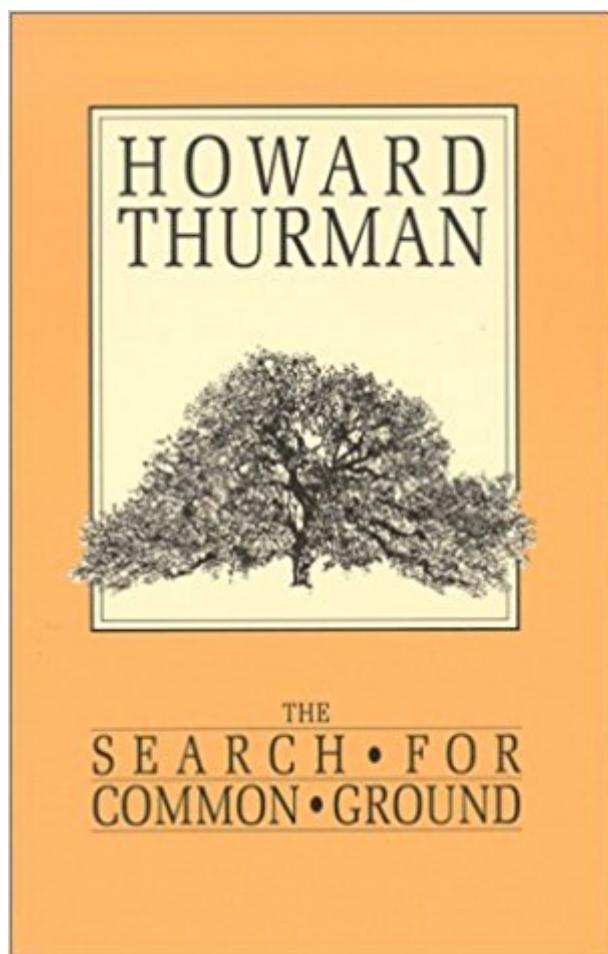


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# The Search For Common Ground (A Howard Thurman Book)



## **Synopsis**

Howard Thurman writes about building community. He calls us at once to affirm our own identity, but also to look beyond that identity to that which we have in common with all of life.

## **Book Information**

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At the time of his death in 1981, Howard Thurman was Dean Emeritus of Marsh Chapel, Boston University, and Chairman of the board of trustees of the Howard Thurman Educational Trust in San Francisco. He also served as Dean of Rankin Chapel, Howard University, Washington D.C.; as professor at Howard University School of Religion, and as Director of Religion Life at Morehouse and Spelman Colleges, Atlanta. Founder of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, the first interracial, interdenominational church in the United States, he was honorary Canon of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, New York City. Poet, Mystic, Philosopher and Theologian, Dr. Thurman authored more than twenty books including, *Meditations of the Heart*, *The Inward Journey*, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, *The Centering Moment*, *The Creative Encounter*, *The Search for Common Ground* and *With Head and Heart*, his autobiography.

When Howard Thurman spoke, he filled the entire room with compassion, truth, keen intellect, and joy. To be in his presence was to experience the drama of life itself-with all its attending conflicts-and to be carried beyond these realities to the Reality of a gracious God whose will is life

and wholeness. Howard Thurman was graduated from Morehouse College and from Colgate-Rochester Theological Seminary. He then became a special student of philosophy in residence at Haverford College with Rufus Jones, the noted Quaker philosopher and mystic. After serving on the faculty of Howard University as Professor the Theology and Dean of Rankin Chapel (1932-1944), he moved to San Francisco to help found the intercultural and interdenominational Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples. In 1953, he became Dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University (1953-65). Friends United Press and Howard Thurman began their association in 1971 with the paperback edition of *The Inward Journey*. Since then, twelve other titles have been added to the Thurman paperback series. Howard Thurman's close relationship to Quakers dates back to 1929 when, he began independent study at Haverford College with Rufus M. Jones. Thurman first discovered Rufus Jones through his book, *Finding the Trail of Life*. "When I finished (the book) I knew that if this man were alive, I wanted to study with him", wrote Thurman in his autobiography.

Dr. Thurman's entire body of work is amazing. It is relevant in today's times as it speaks to the political and social issues that this country, our world, is still grappling within! Dr. Thurman is reflective and his work gives readers the ability to pause, reflect and go deeper on an inner journey of Spiritual awakening! If you are moving through any physical; emotional; or Spiritual challenge, this book along with all of Dr. Thurman's books provide the inspiration; comfort and uplift one needs to muster the courage to keep moving forward!

I read parts of this book over and over. Such a profound brilliance, and worded so elegantly. He phrases things as if they're simple, but just reveals that society has made these thoughts harder to grasp. Very thankful for this work and will keep coming back to it to sink it in further and let it inform the way I live.

So glad to be introduced to a visionary I should have known about much earlier. I am grateful for the combination of political sophistication and spiritual support.

One of a few books I read by Rev. Dr. Howard Hurman for a seminary spirituality course, written by a little known 20th century theologian and social genius. Every paragraph embodies wisdom and depth.

A very powerful thinker with a profound message. If you wish to read a gentleman that shaped Dr.

King's thinking, Thurman is a must read.

How to remain WELL GROUNDED! Thank you, Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman!

Thurman has less tendency than many writers to re-state the same conclusions in different books. This one, coming late in his career, builds on his earlier work while responding to the conditions of the time in which he writes. Therefore you may want to read some of his earlier work first. Whether or not you do that, this volume is a must-read for Thurman students, activists, and spiritual seekers of all kinds. It pulls together his reasoning, experience and faith that through dropping prejudice and hate, and pushing out the boundaries of sincere fellowship, we actually can bring into being a world community that respects and values all beings.

My book club and I will love reading this book. Thanks for sending it in a timely manner.

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