

A Memoir of My Years in Washington

No Higher Honor

CONDOLEEZZA RECONDOLEEZZA

"TODAY'S HEADLINES AND HISTORY'S JUDGMENT ARE
RARELY THE SAME. IF YOU ARE TOO ATTENTIVE TO
THE FORMER. YOU WILL MOST CERTAINLY NOT DO THE
HARD WORK OF SECURING THE LATTER."

—CONDOLEEZZA RICE





CONTENTS

Policy Begins 23
The Middle East 50
Vladimir Putin 57
"The United States Is Under Attack" 71
War Planning Begins 90
The War on Terror and the Home Front 98
Trouble in Nuclear South Asia 122
The Two-State Solution 131
The World's Most Dangerous Weapons 148
Saddam Again 166
Confronting the International Community with a Choice 183
48 Hours 205
Bush the African 225
New Challenges in Iraq 234

"Iraqis Need to Govern Themselves" 267

Another Step Toward a Palestinian State 280

Prologue xiii
Introduction xv

Honest Broker 13

3

10 11 12

14 15 16

17

18

19

2004 255

Four More Years 285

Before the Crack in Time 1

- 21 Secretary of State 290
- 22 Promoting America's Interests and Values Abroad 319
- 23 High Mountains and Dirt 341
- 24 The Color Revolutions Multiply 355
- 25 Baghdad and Cairo 367
- 26 A Heartbreaking Place Called Darfur 384
- 27 Katrina 395
- 28 Bringing Back the All-Nighter 405
- 29 Can Anything Else Go Wrong? 411
- 30 Transformational Diplomacy 425
- 31 Building a New Relationship with India 436
- 32 Democracy in Latin America and Beyond 447
- 33 A Change of Leadership in Iraq 453
- 34 Shifting Course on Iran 461
- 35 The Middle East Plunges into War 471
- 36 Revising the Framework for the War on Terror 496
- 37 Iraq Spirals Downward 506
- 38 An Explosion in Asia and a Challenge for U.S.-China Relations 516
- 39 Playing the Last Card 538
- 40 A Diplomatic Surge 547
- 41 A New Approach to Latin America 564
- 42 Improving the Daily Lives of Palestinians 573
- 43 Iraq and the Home Front 589
- 44 The Road to Annapolis 600
- 45 Emergency Rule 606
- 46 Final-Status Talks Begin 613
- 47 A Final Year 622
- 48 It Seems Like Yesterday—It Seems Like Forever 634
- 49 Whither China? 643

- 50 Olmert Makes an Offer 650
- 51 Completing the Task of Building a Europe Whole, Free, and at Peace 667
- 52 War Breaks Out in Georgia 681
- 53 Cementing Key Relationships with Iraq and India 694
- 54 He Lives in His Own Head 701
- 55 One Last Chance for North Korea 704
- 56 The Financial Crisis of 2008 714
- 57 Mumbai 719
- 58 One Last Chance for a Palestinian State 723 Epilogue 729

Note on Sources 735 Acknowledgments 739 Index 743