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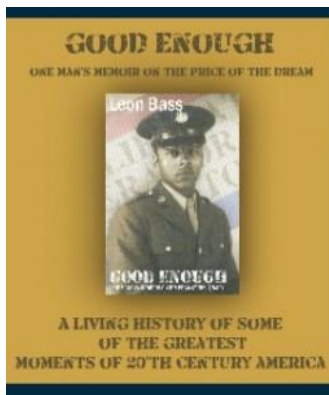


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Pennswood Village to Host Book Launch Reception and Signing for Dr. Leon Bass, Author of *Good Enough: One Man's Memoir on the Price of the Dream* on April 2.



March 31, 2011. Newtown, PA: Pennswood Village is pleased to host a book launch and book signing for Dr. Leon Bass, author of *Good Enough: One Man's Memoir on the Price of the Dream*, published by Open Door Publications.

A reception will be held on Saturday April 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Building at Pennswood Village, 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road.

Dr. Bass is a former high school principal and veteran of World War II who has dedicated much of his life as a teacher, a school administrator, and a speaker, to fighting racism wherever it exists. Dr. Bass now resides at Pennswood Village in Newtown.

As a nineteen-year-old soldier serving in a segregated unit of the U.S. Army, Leon Bass participated in the liberation of Buchenwald concentration camp in 1945. That moment changed his life. "I was an angry soldier," says Dr. Bass. "I was being asked to fight for freedom while at the same time, as a black man, I was constantly being told in many ways that I wasn't good enough to have that freedom."

Good Enough: One Man's Memoir on the Price of the Dream, is a living history of some of the greatest moments of 20th Century America: from his anger at his treatment as a soldier in the Deep South, to witnessing the cruelties of Buchenwald, to his awakening to new possibilities as he listened to Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington in 1963.

Dr. Bass asks, "Is the price too high?" The price to realize the dream, he explains, is to stand up and be counted by doing the right thing, whether large or small, every day.



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Following his service in the U.S. Army 183rd Engineer Combat Battalion in World War II, Dr. Bass graduated from West Chester University of Pennsylvania and later received a doctorate from Temple University. He taught at several schools in the School District of Philadelphia and was a principal at the Benjamin Franklin High School in Philadelphia for 14 years.

He has presented his story to audiences throughout the United States and across the world. He was a participant in the International Liberators Conference, held in Washington DC in 1981. In 1994 he was the keynote speaker at the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, and in 1996 he was awarded the Pearlman Award for Humanitarian Advancement from Jewish Women International. He appeared in the Academy Award-nominated Documentary "Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts in World War II."

Good Enough: One Man's Memoir on the Price of the Dream is available for purchase by visiting www.drleonbass.com.

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to more than 450 residents in Newtown, Pennsylvania, the Friends retirement community is accredited by the prestigious national organization Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF-CCAC). Residents enjoy full Type A Life Care Contracts that provide the highest level of service and unlimited access to health care with no substantial increases in monthly payments. The community's Quaker values enrich resident's lives through diversity, welcoming women and men of all races, colors, religions, national origins, and sexual orientations.

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