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SYNOPSIS:

John K. Bullard weaves a tale of a family legacy intertwined with the pitfalls and promise of New Bedford, a storied Massachusetts seaport whose past and future can be found in every small American city struggling to survive and thrive. In this deeply moving and thoughtful memoir, Bullard explores the meaning of public service, greater good, personal responsibility, and the ties that bind people to their hometowns. He grapples with immigration, economics, race, poverty, politics but also our innermost conflicts and ambitions as we make our way in the world.

Bullard's story—and his sense of hometown—as he rises from a local to federal leader becomes more sophisticated but never loses sight of the importance of extending a helping hand and giving back to the community. It acknowledges that community is nothing without family, friends, and yes, even rivals. *Hometown* is about what sends you into the world to seek your fortunes and what draws you home to complete your life.

AUTHOR INFO:

John Bullard's career has been devoted to bettering the health of the oceans and improving his hometown of New Bedford, Massachusetts and other mostly coastal communities in America. To those ends he led the revitalization of New Bedford's waterfront historic district, the rescue of the Zeiterion Theatre, the establishment of the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum and the saving of many other historic properties. He served six years as mayor of New Bedford bringing the city into compliance with the Clean Water Act by building a secondary wastewater treatment plant at Fort Rodman and paving the way for offshore wind to be located at the former Standard-Times Field. This courageous decision cost him his job.

Bullard joined the Clinton Administration, establishing the first federal office of Sustainable Development in NOAA and later serving as Regional Administrator for NOAA Fisheries in the northeast. Bullard co-founded the Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership, the SouthCoast Learning Network, and the *New Bedford Light*, an online daily newspaper. He serves as Chair of the New Bedford Ocean Cluster and the Westport Community Resilience Committee and on the boards of the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Westport Planning Board. John and Laurie live in Westport and have three children and five grandchildren. *Hometown* is his first book.

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