

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

**October 2019**

# **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. The event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.<sup>1</sup>**

**To honour the occasion Library & Learning Services are celebrating black authors from across the world through this book display.**

**In this handy guide you can read a brief bio about each author and a list of some of their other works. We have lots of physical and electronic books available to loan – visit [www.ehu.ac.uk/library](http://www.ehu.ac.uk/library) to search the library catalogue for more!**

1. <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

# Toni Morrison

b.18<sup>th</sup> February 1931 – d.5<sup>th</sup> August 2019



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American novelist, essayist, editor, teacher, and professor emeritus at Princeton University. Her first novel, *The Bluest Eye*, was published in 1970. Won Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993

*“You wanna fly, you got to give up the shit that weighs you down.”*



# Alice Walker

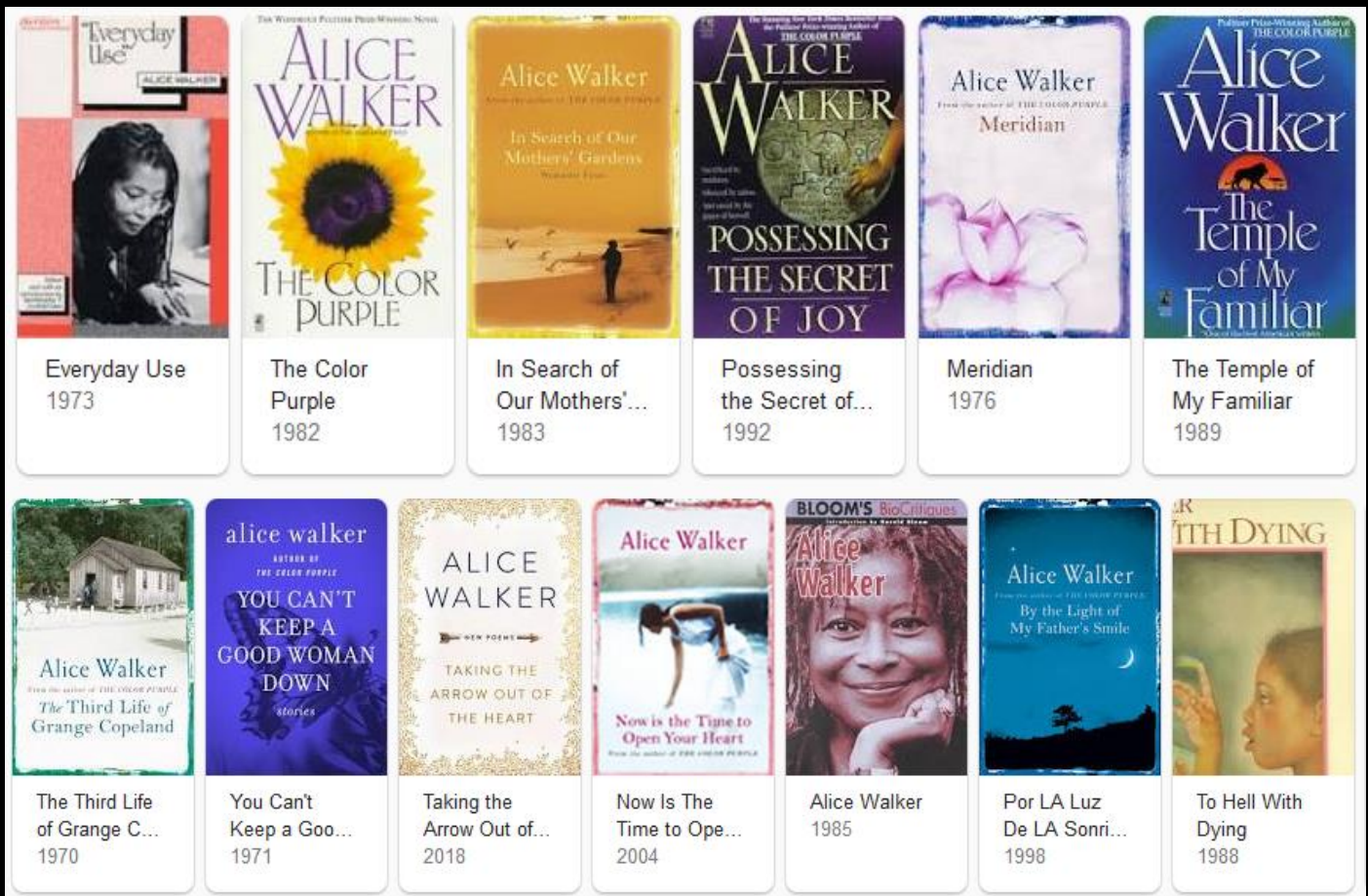
b. 9<sup>th</sup> February 1944

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American novelist, short story writer, poet, and social activist. In 1982, she wrote the novel *The Color Purple*, for which she won the National Book Award for hardcover fiction, and the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. She also wrote the novels *Meridian* and *The Third Life of Grange Copeland*.

*“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.”*



# Colson Whitehead

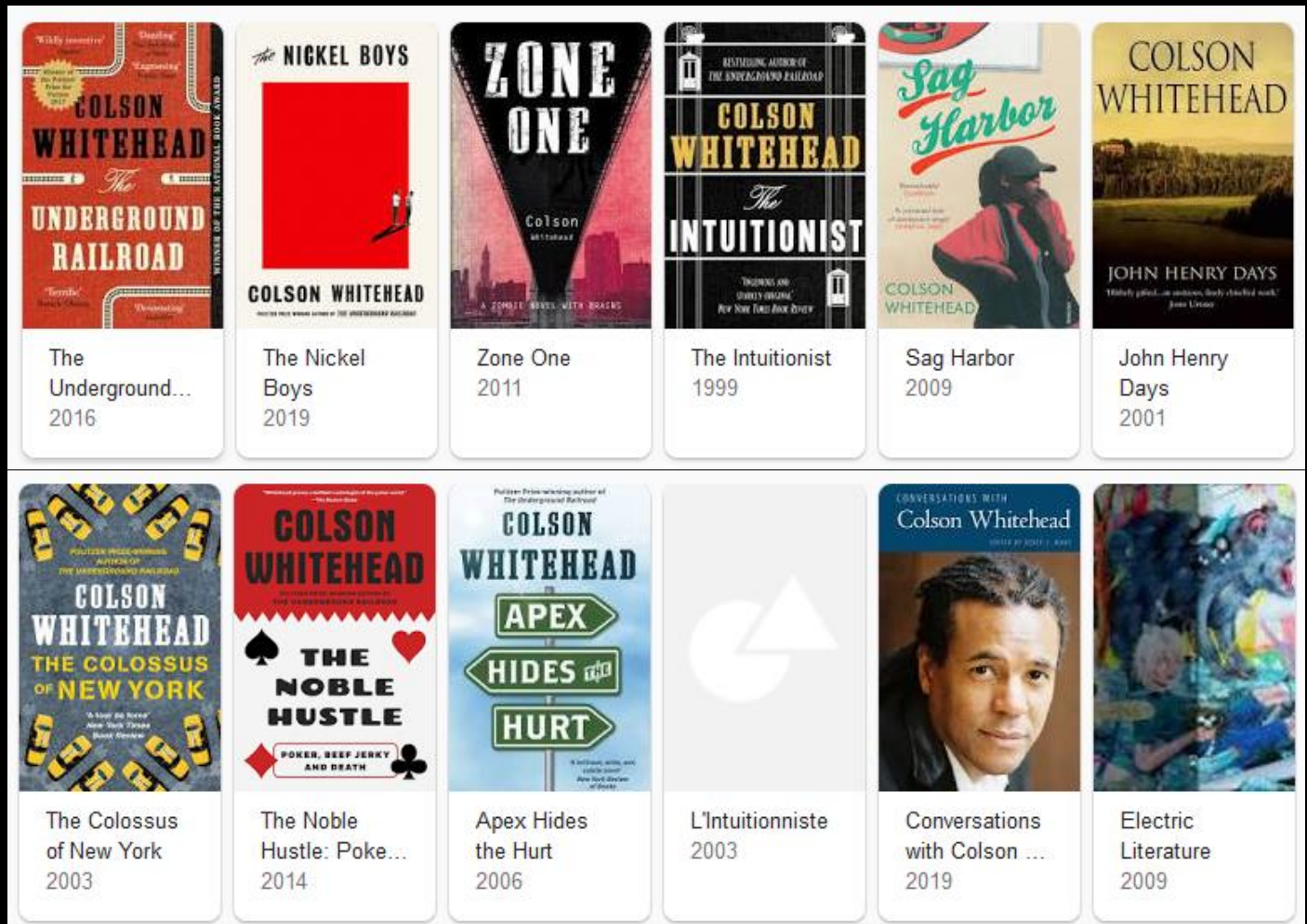
b. 6<sup>th</sup> November 1969



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American novelist and author of six novels, including his debut work, the 1999 novel *The Intuitionist*, and *The Underground Railroad*, for which he won the 2016 National Book Award for Fiction and the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

*“We never see other people anyway, only the monsters we make of them.”*



# Barack Obama

b. 4<sup>th</sup> August 1961



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Barack Hussein Obama II is an American attorney and politician who served as the 44th president of the United States from 2009 to 2017. A member of the Democratic Party, he was the first African American to be elected to the presidency.

*“A change is brought about because ordinary people do extraordinary things.”*



# Maya Angelou

b.4<sup>th</sup> April 1928

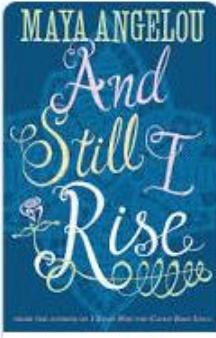
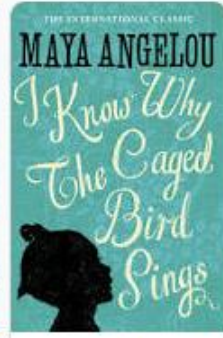
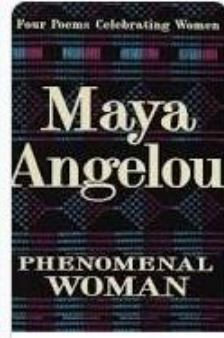
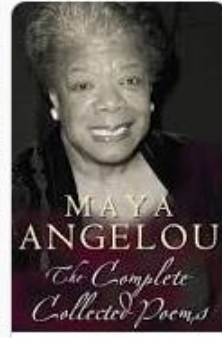
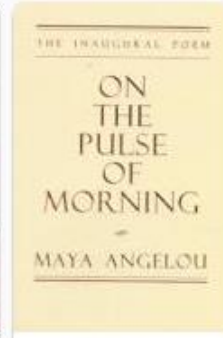
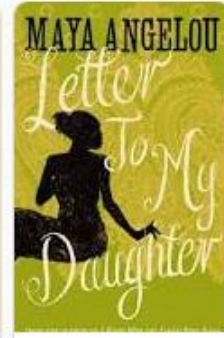
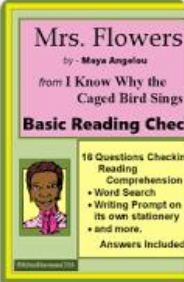

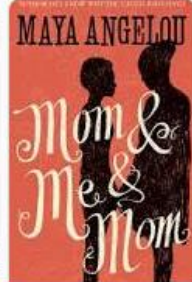
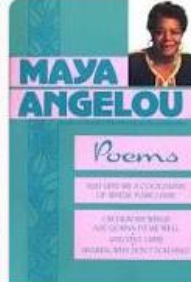
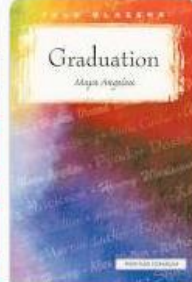
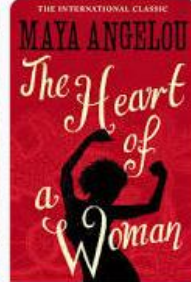
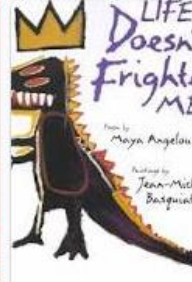
d. 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014

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American poet, singer, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years.

*“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”*

 <p>And Still I Rise 1978</p>	 <p>I Know Why the Caged Bi... 1969</p>	 <p>Phenomenal Woman: Fou... 1995</p>	 <p>The Complete Collected Po... 1994</p>	 <p>On the Pulse of Morning 1993</p>	 <p>Letter To My Daughter 2008</p>	
 <p>Mrs. Flowers 1986</p>	 <p>Poems by Maya Angelou 1986</p>	 <p>Mom &amp; Me &amp; Mom 2013</p>	 <p>Poems 1986</p>	 <p>Graduation 1989</p>	 <p>The Heart of a Woman 1981</p>	 <p>Life Doesn't Frighten Me 1993</p>

# James Baldwin

b. 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1924

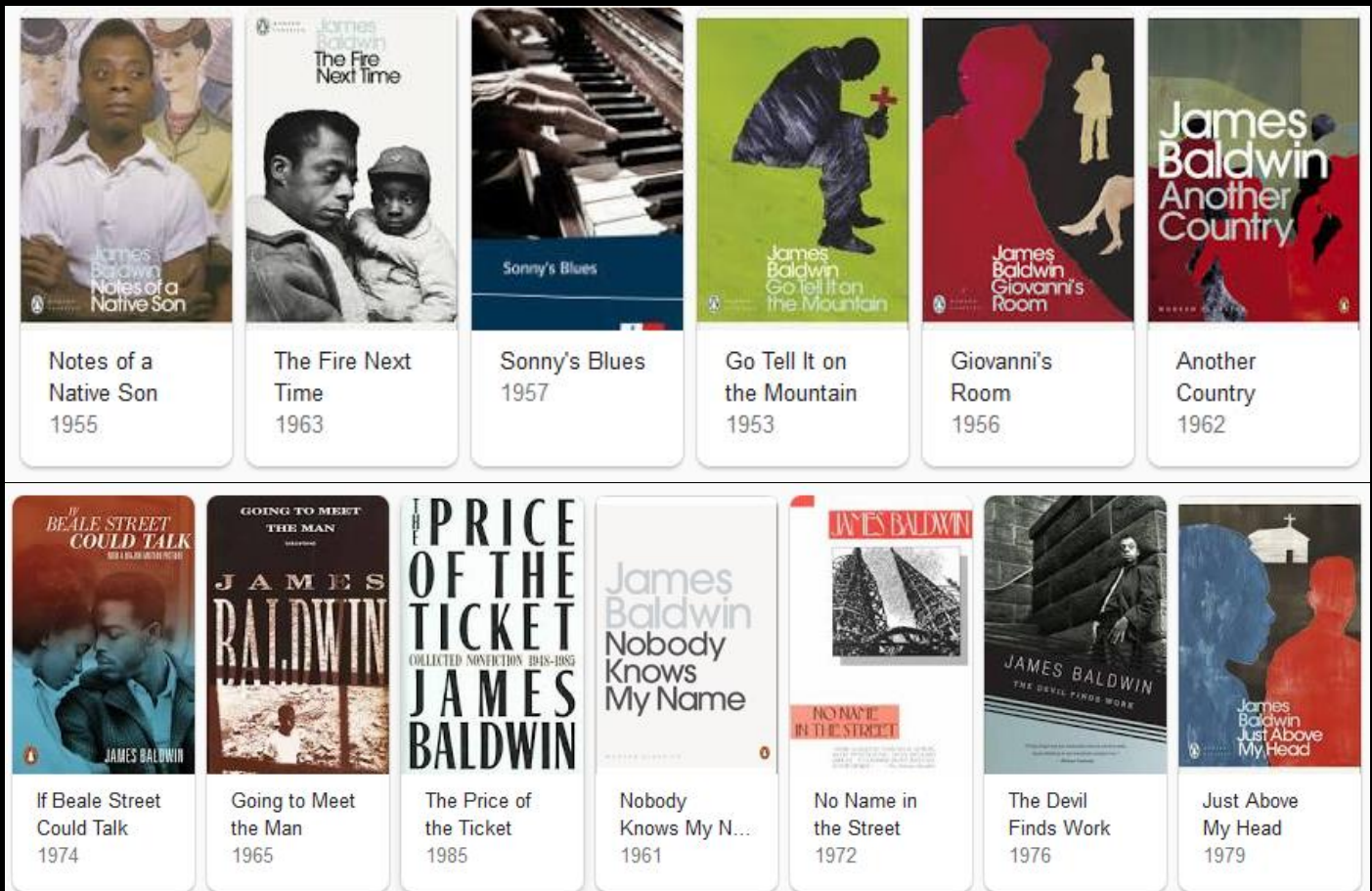
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American novelist, playwright, and activist. His essays, as collected in *Notes of a Native Son*, explore intricacies of racial, sexual, and class distinctions in Western societies, most notably in mid-20th-century North America.

*“People are trapped in history and history is trapped in them.”*





# Zadie Smith

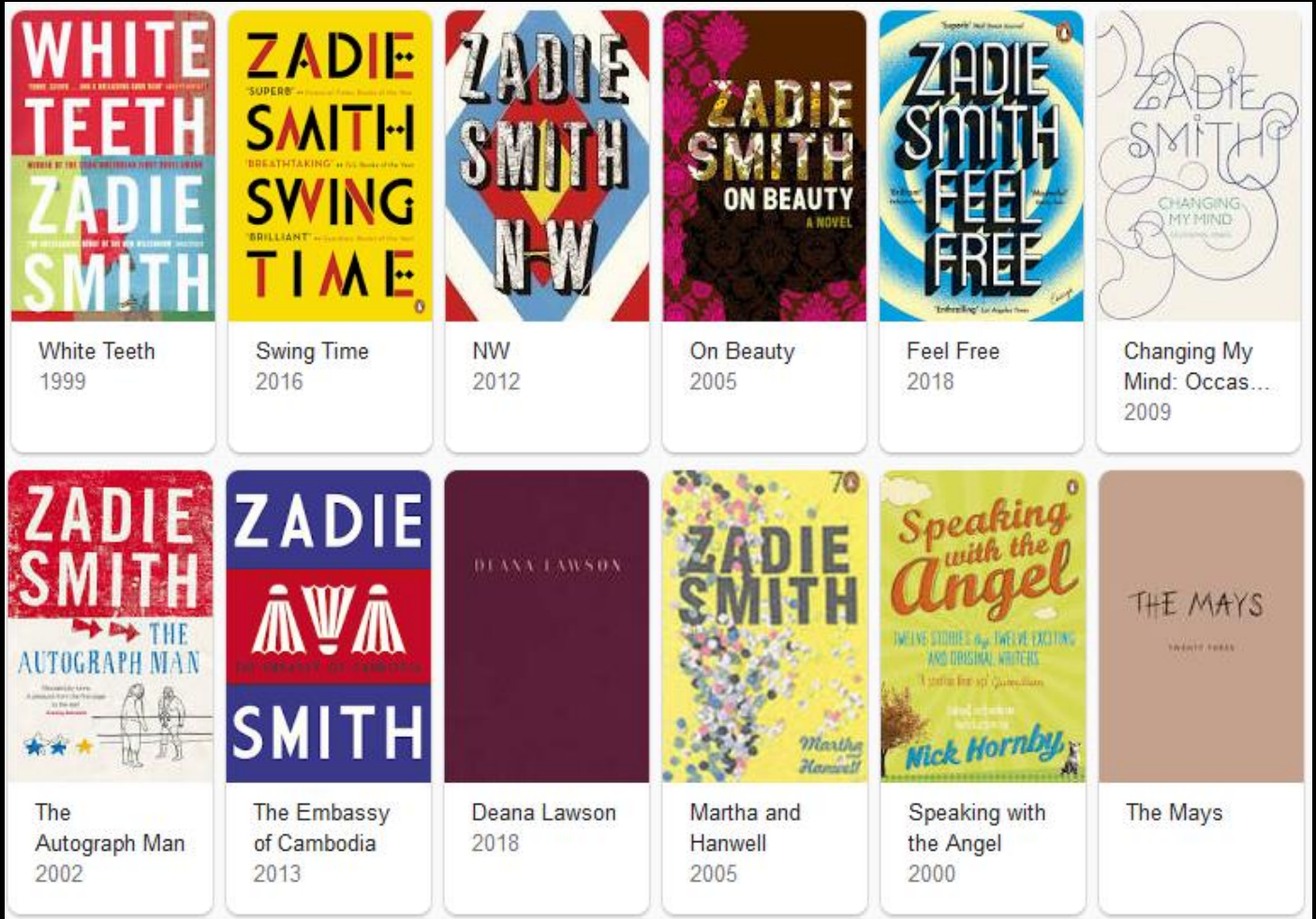
b. 25<sup>th</sup> October 1975



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Contemporary English novelist, essayist, and short-story writer. Her debut novel, *White Teeth*, immediately became a best-seller and won a number of awards. Her most recent book is *Feel Free*, a collection of essays.

*“You are never stronger...than when you land on the other side of despair.”*



**Ayobami Adebayo**

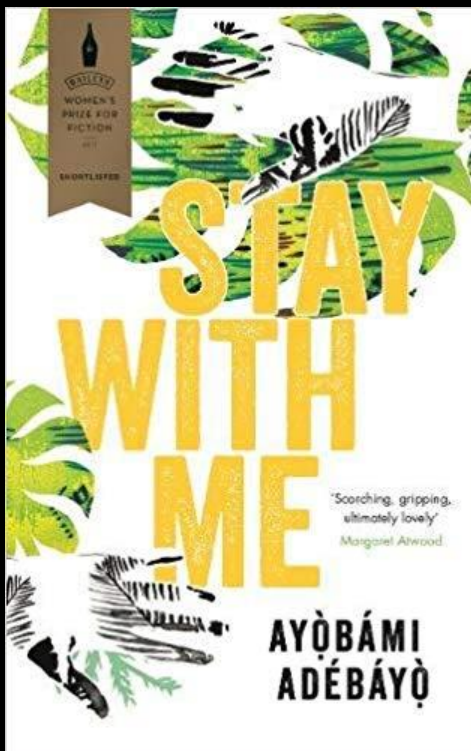
*b. 29<sup>th</sup> January 1988*



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Nigerian born author her debut novel, *Stay With Me*, was published in 2017 by Canongate Books to critical acclaim, and was shortlisted for the Wellcome Book Prize, the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction, as well as for the 9mobile Prize for Literature, which the novel won in 2019. It was also longlisted for the International Dylan Thomas Prize.

*“Before you call the snail a weakling, tie your house to your back and carry it around for a week”*



# Claudia Rankine

b. 1<sup>st</sup> January 1963



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Jamaican born poet, essayist, playwright, and the editor of several anthologies. She is the author of five volumes of poetry, two plays, and various essays.

*“Did you win? he asks.  
It wasn't a match, I say. It was a lesson.”*



# Angie Thomas

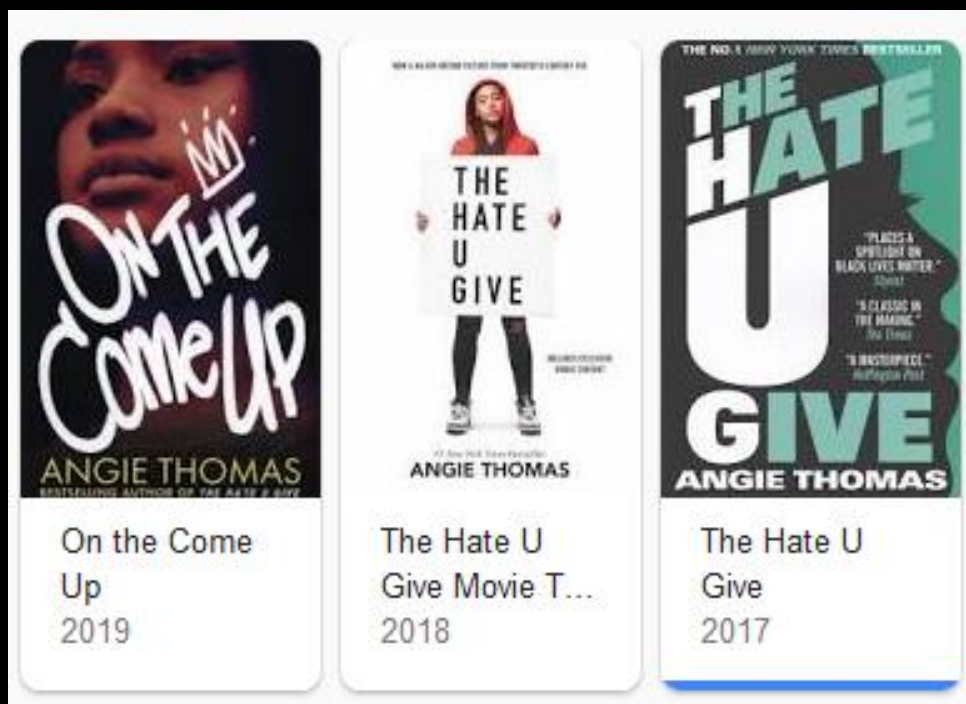
b. 1988



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American author, best known for writing the young adult novel *The Hate U Give*. Her second young adult novel, *On the Come Up*, was released in February 2019.

*“Sometimes you can do everything right and things will still go wrong. The key is to never stop doing right.”*



# W. E. B. Du Bois

b. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1868

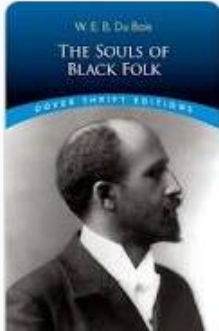
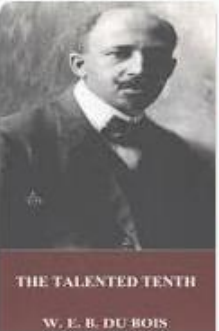
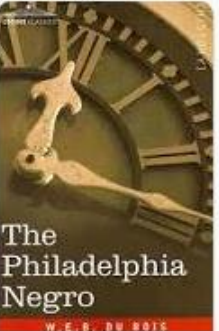
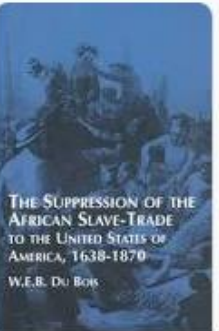
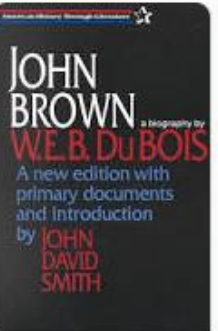
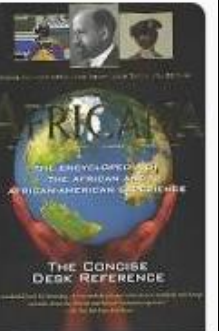
d. 27<sup>th</sup> August 1963



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William Edward Burghardt Du Bois was an American sociologist, historian, civil rights activist, Pan-Africanist, author, writer and editor.

*“Education is that whole system of human training within and without the school house walls, which molds and develops men.”*

 <p>W. E. B. Du Bois THE SOULS OF BLACK FOLK DOVER THRIFT EDITIONS</p>	 <p>W. E. B. DU BOIS BLACK RECONSTRUCTION IN AMERICA 1860-1880 INTRODUCTION BY DAVID LEVINE JONES</p>	 <p>THE TALENTED TENTH W. E. B. DU BOIS</p>	 <p>The Philadelphia Negro W. E. B. DU BOIS</p>	 <p>The Negro William Edward Burghardt Du Bois Published by the Library of Alexandria</p>	 <p>DARKWATER: VOICES FROM WITHIN THE VEIL W. E. B. Du Bois</p>
<p>The Souls of Black Folk 1903</p>	<p>Black Reconstruction 1935</p>	<p>The Talented Tenth 1903</p>	<p>The Philadelphia ... 1899</p>	<p>The Negro 1915</p>	<p>Darkwater: Voices from ... 1920</p>
 <p>THE SUPPRESSION OF THE AFRICAN SLAVE-TRADE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1638-1870 W. E. B. DU BOIS</p>	 <p>JOHN BROWN a biography by W. E. B. DuBOIS A new edition with primary documents and introduction by JOHN DAVID SMITH</p>	 <p>DuBois Writings The Suppression of the African Slave-Trade The Souls of Black Folk Dusk of Dawn Essays</p>	 <p>W. E. B. Du Bois DUSK OF DAWN An Essay Toward An Autobiography of A Race Concept New Introduction by Irene Diggs</p>	 <p>The Quest of the Silver Fleece W. E. B. Du Bois Introduction by James H. Jackson</p>	 <p>AFRICANA THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE AFRICAN AND AMERICAN EXPERIENCE THE CONGESS DECK REFERENCE</p>
<p>The gift of the Black folk 1896</p>	<p>John Brown 1909</p>	<p>Writings 1975</p>	<p>Dusk of Dawn 1940</p>	<p>The quest of the silver flee... 1911</p>	<p>Encyclopedia Africana 1999</p>

# Paul Beatty

b. 9h June 1962

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American author and an associate professor of writing at Columbia University. In 2016, he won the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Man Booker Prize for his novel *The Sellout*. It was the first time a writer from the United States was honoured with the Man Booker.

*“If all the world's a stage, I want to operate the trap door.”*



# Jewell Parker Rhodes

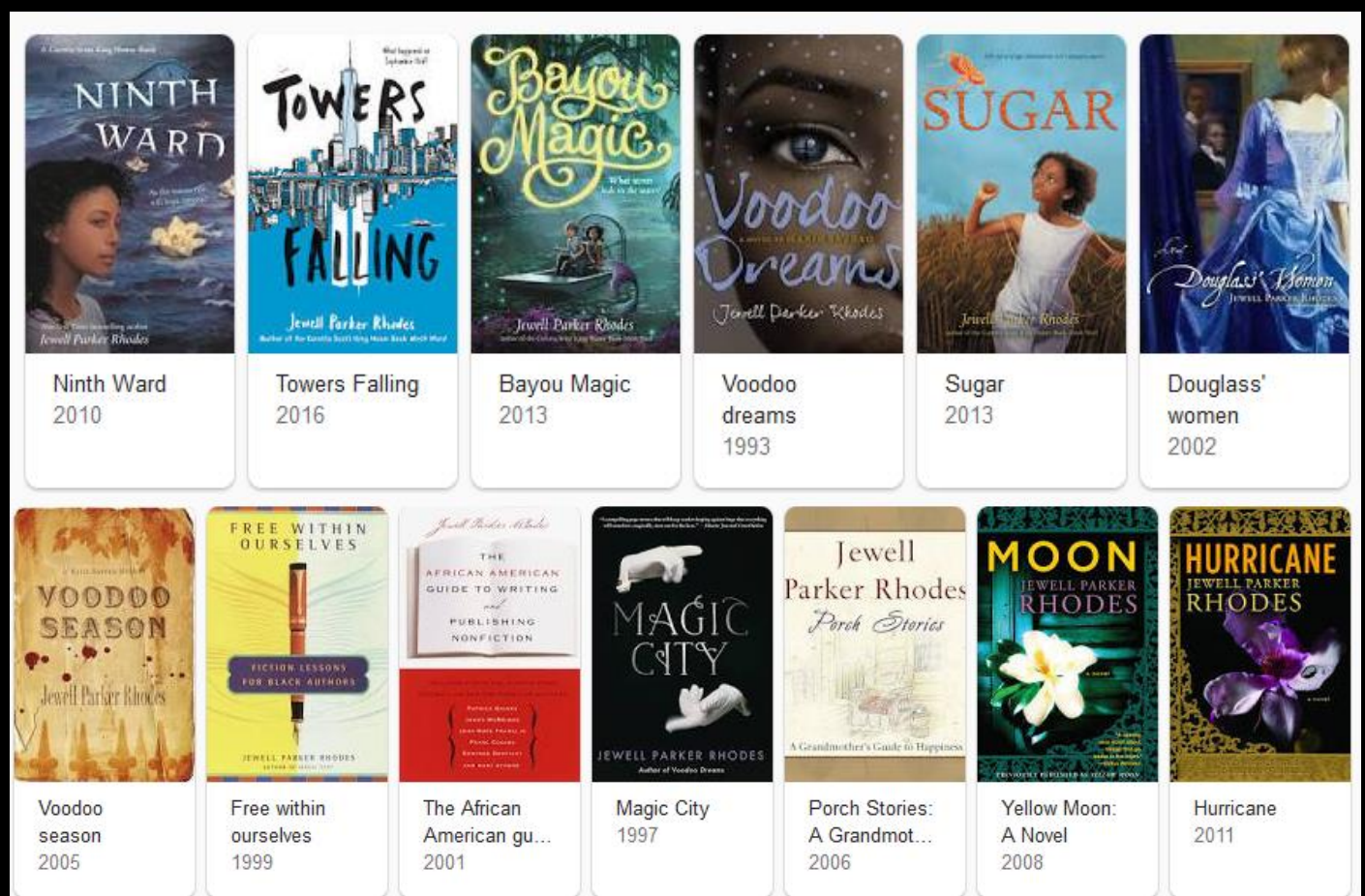
b. 1954



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American bestselling novelist and educator. Rhodes is the author of five middle grade novels, including the New York Times bestseller and #1 Kids' Indie Best Pick *Ghost Boys*, as well as *Towers Falling*, *Ninth Ward*, *Sugar*, and *Bayou Magic*.

*"Only the living can make the world better. Live and make it better"*



**Yaa Gyasi**

*b. 1989*



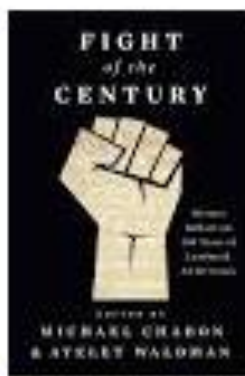
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Ghanaian-American novelist. Her debut novel, *Homegoing*, published in 2016, won her, at the age of 26, the National Book Critics Circle's John Leonard Award for best first book, the PEN/Hemingway Award for a first book of fiction, the National Book Foundation's "5 under 35" honors for 2016 and the American Book Award.

*"You want to know what weakness is? Weakness is treating someone as though they belong to you. Strength is knowing that everyone belongs to themselves."*



Homegoing  
2016



Fight of the  
Cent...  
2020



## Brit Bennett

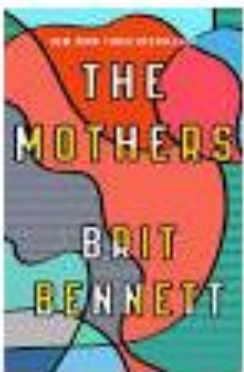
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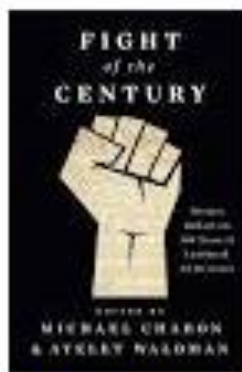
American writer based in Los Angeles. Her debut novel *The Mothers* was a New York Times best-seller.

*“Years later, she wondered if that was the point, if sometimes the glory was in rebuilding the broken thing, not the result but the process of trying.”*



The  
Mothers

2016



Fight of the  
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# Jason Reynolds

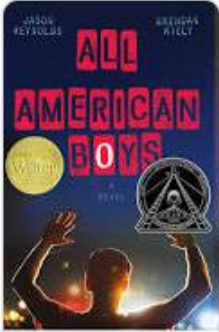

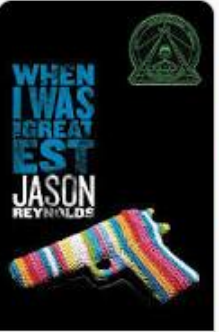

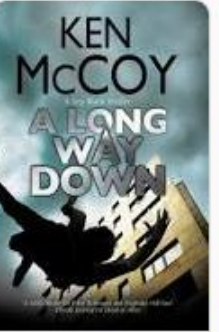
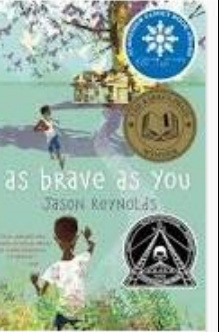
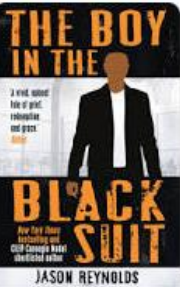

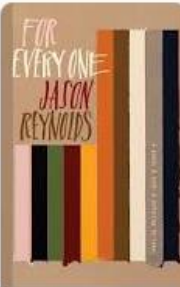
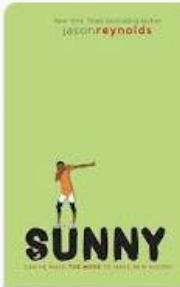



b. 6<sup>th</sup> December 1983



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American author of novels and poetry for young adult and middle-grade audiences, including *Ghost*, a National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.

*“You can't run away from who you are, but what you can do is run toward who you want to be.”*

 <p>Jason Reynolds All AMERICAN BOYS 2015</p>	 <p>Jason Reynolds GHOST 2016</p>	 <p>When I Was the GREATEST Jason Reynolds 2014</p>	 <p>MILES MORALES SPIDER-MAN Jason Reynolds 2017</p>	 <p>Ken McCoy A LONG WAY DOWN 2017</p>	 <p>As BRAVE AS YOU Jason Reynolds 2016</p>	
 <p>The BOY IN THE BLACK SUIT Jason Reynolds 2015</p>	 <p>PATINA 2017</p>	 <p>FOR EVERY ONE Jason Reynolds 2018</p>	 <p>SUNNY 2018</p>	 <p>LU 2018</p>	 <p>LOOK BOTH WAYS 2019</p>	 <p>My name is Jason. Mine Too... 2009</p>

# Nic Stone

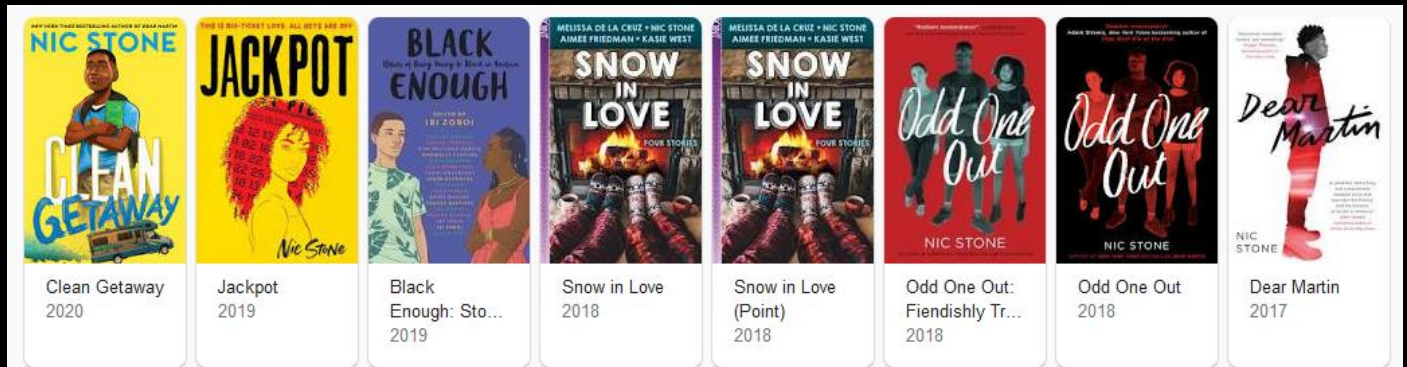
b. 10<sup>th</sup> July 1985



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American New York Times best-selling author of young adult fiction and middle grade fiction, best known for her debut novel *Dear Martin*. Her novels have been translated into six languages.

*“You can’t change how other people think and act, but you’re in full control of you. When it comes down to it, the only question that matters is this: If nothing in the world ever changes, what type of man are you gonna be?”*



# Ralph Ellison

b. 1<sup>st</sup> March 1914

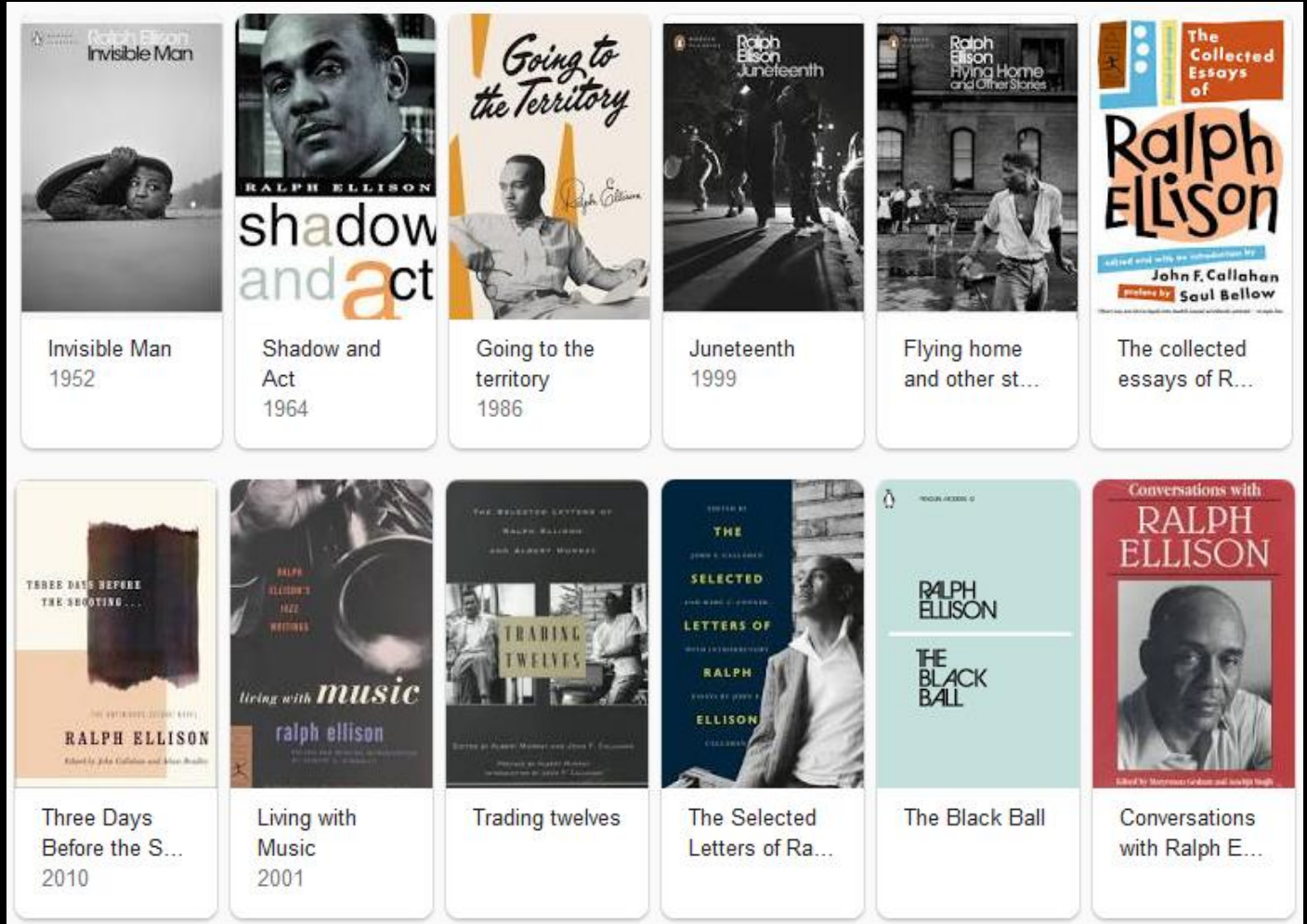
d. 16<sup>th</sup> April 1994



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American novelist, literary critic, and scholar best known for his novel *Invisible Man*, which won the National Book Award in 1953. He also wrote *Shadow and Act*, a collection of political, social and critical essays, and *Going to the Territory*.

*“Life is to be lived, not controlled, and humanity is won by continuing to play in face of certain defeat.”*



# Tayari Jones

b. 30<sup>th</sup> November 1970



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Tayari Jones is the author of four novels, most recently *An American Marriage*, which was a 2018 Oprah's Book Club Selection, and won the 2019 Women's Prize for Fiction. She is a graduate of Spelman College, the University of Iowa, and Arizona State University.

*"I don't believe that blood makes a family; kin is the circle you create, hands held tight."*



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**White Teeth**

Smith, Zadie

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Obama, Barack

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Obama, Barack

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Gyasi, Yaa

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**The color purple**

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**By the light of my father's smile: a story of requited love, crossing over, and the sexual healing of the soul**

Walker, Alice, 1944-

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**If Beale Street could talk: a novel**

Baldwin, James

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**Go Tell It on the Mountain**

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