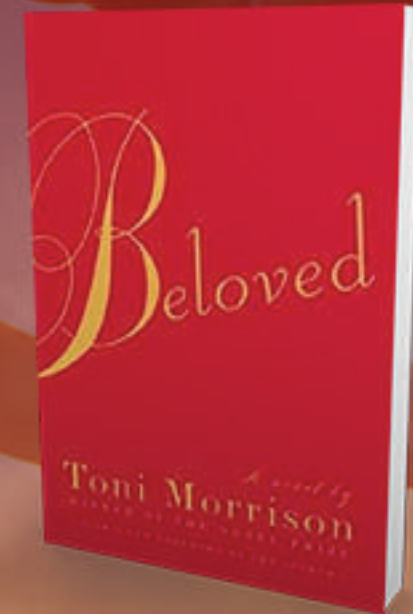


# Toni Morrison

*Nobel Prize Recipient*



Born Chloe Ardelia Wofford on February 18, 1931, Toni Morrison is one of the most celebrated contemporary African American authors. Morrison began her career working as an editor at Random House during the 1960s. Her first novel, *The Bluest Eye*, was published in 1970 and remains popular due to its poignant commentary on race, class, and gender identity. In 1988, Morrison's novel *Beloved* received a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Five years later, she became the first black woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. In 2012, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor, from President Obama.

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