

Alice Walker

Acclaimed Author and Activist



Alice Walker was born on February 9, 1944, in Eatonton, Georgia. After a childhood accident left her blind in one eye, Walker turned to writing to cope with the trauma, a process she described in her 1983 essay, "Beauty: When the Other Dancer Is the Self." In 1983, her novel *The Color Purple* won both the National Book Award for hard-cover fiction and the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. This novel, written in the form of a series of letters to God, is considered to be her most famous work. Aside from writing, Walker is a prominent activist, advocating for feminism and the betterment of women of color in modern society.

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