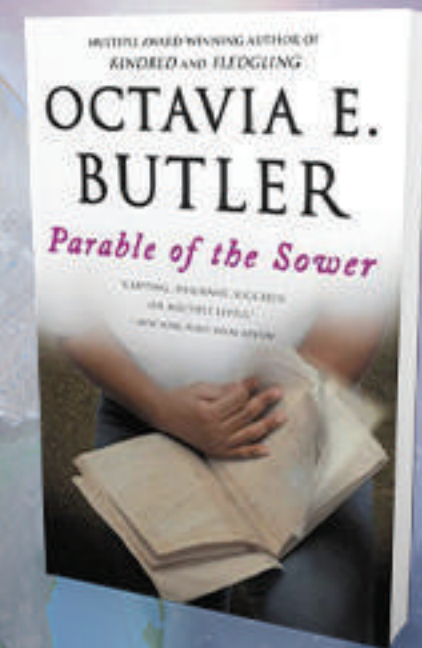


Octavia E. Butler

Esteemed Science Fiction Writer



Born on June 22, 1947 in Pasadena, California, Octavia E. Butler developed her love for storytelling at a young age after receiving a typewriter as a gift from her mother. Inspired by the fantastic novels she read as a child, Butler spent her college years writing science fiction, a genre traditionally dominated by men. Her big break arrived in 1984 when her work "Speech Sounds" won the prestigious Hugo Award for Best Short Story. In 1995, after continuing to garner awards for her writing, Butler became the first science fiction author to receive a MacArthur Fellowship. Before her death in 2006, Butler published more than ten novels, the most notable being her dystopian works, *Parable of the Sower* and *Parable of the Talents*

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