

“It is one of the tragedies of life that one cannot have all the wisdom one is ever to possess in the beginning.”

—ZORA NEALE HURSTON

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Zora Neale Hurston was born on January 7, 1891, in Notasulga, Alabama. When Hurston was three years old, her family moved to Eatonville, Florida, one of the first incorporated all-black towns in the United States. Her hometown would later become the backdrop for many of her works, including her most famous novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. After years of sporadic schooling and a number of jobs, Hurston enrolled in the prestigious Barnard College in 1925. She also joined the Harlem Renaissance movement, contributing many stories, poems, and plays to several African American publications. Aside from her literary work, Hurston's legacy lives on through her contributions to anthropology and African American cultural research, including her two folklore anthologies, *Mules and Men* (1935) and *Tell My Horse* (1938).



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