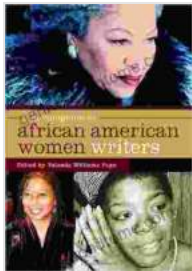


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### Alice Walker

**\*\*Born:\*\*** February 9, 1944, Eatonton, Georgia

**\*\*Died:\*\*** Still living

**\*\*Education:\*\*** Spelman College, Sarah Lawrence College

**\*\*Career:\*\*** Novelist, poet, short story writer, essayist

**\*\*Awards:\*\*** Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (1983), National Book Award for Fiction (1983), MacArthur Fellowship (1997)

**\*\*Major Works:\*\*** The Color Purple (1982), Meridian (1976), In Love and Trouble: Stories of Black Women (1973)

**\*\*Critical Essay:\*\***

Alice Walker is one of the most important and influential African American women writers of the 20th century. Her work is characterized by its focus on the lives of black women, its exploration of themes of race, gender, and class, and its use of a lyrical and poetic style.

Walker's most famous work is *The Color Purple*, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1983. The novel tells the story of Celie, a young black woman who is abused by her father, her husband, and her community. Despite the hardships she faces, Celie maintains her strength and resilience, and she eventually finds love and happiness.

Walker's other works include *Meridian*, a novel about a young black woman who becomes involved in the civil rights movement; *In Love and Trouble*, a collection of short stories about black women; and *The Temple of My*

Familiar, a novel about a black woman who is struggling to find her place in the world.

Walker's work has been praised for its honesty, its compassion, and its lyrical beauty. She is a powerful voice for black women, and her work has helped to shape the way we think about race, gender, and class in America.



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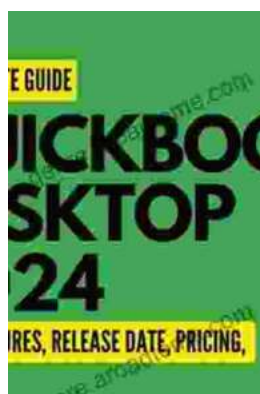
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