

## Breaking Barriers: Angie Thomas's Powerful Stories

Angie Thomas, born on September 20, 1988, in Jackson, Mississippi, is a well-known American author famous for her powerful young adult novels. Growing up with issues of race and injustice around her, Thomas uses these experiences in her writing, which often talks about social justice and the lives of African-American people. She studied creative writing at Belhaven University and was once a teen rapper.

Her first book, *The Hate U Give*, became a #1 New York Times bestseller and was made into a movie. The story is about Starr Carter, who sees her friend shot by the police. The story connected with many people. Thomas's writing is praised for being honest and for creating characters that feel real, as she deals with difficult subjects.

Her second book, *On the Come Up*, also reached the top of the NYT bestseller list, and a movie is being planned. In 2020, she published *Find Your Voice: A Guided Journal to Writing Your Truth* to help people who want to write. In 2021, she wrote *Concrete Rose*, a prequel to *The Hate U Give*, about the teenage years of Maverick Carter.

Through her books, Thomas has become an important voice in young adult literature, telling stories that are not only engaging but also provide thoughtful messages about race and justice in America

