

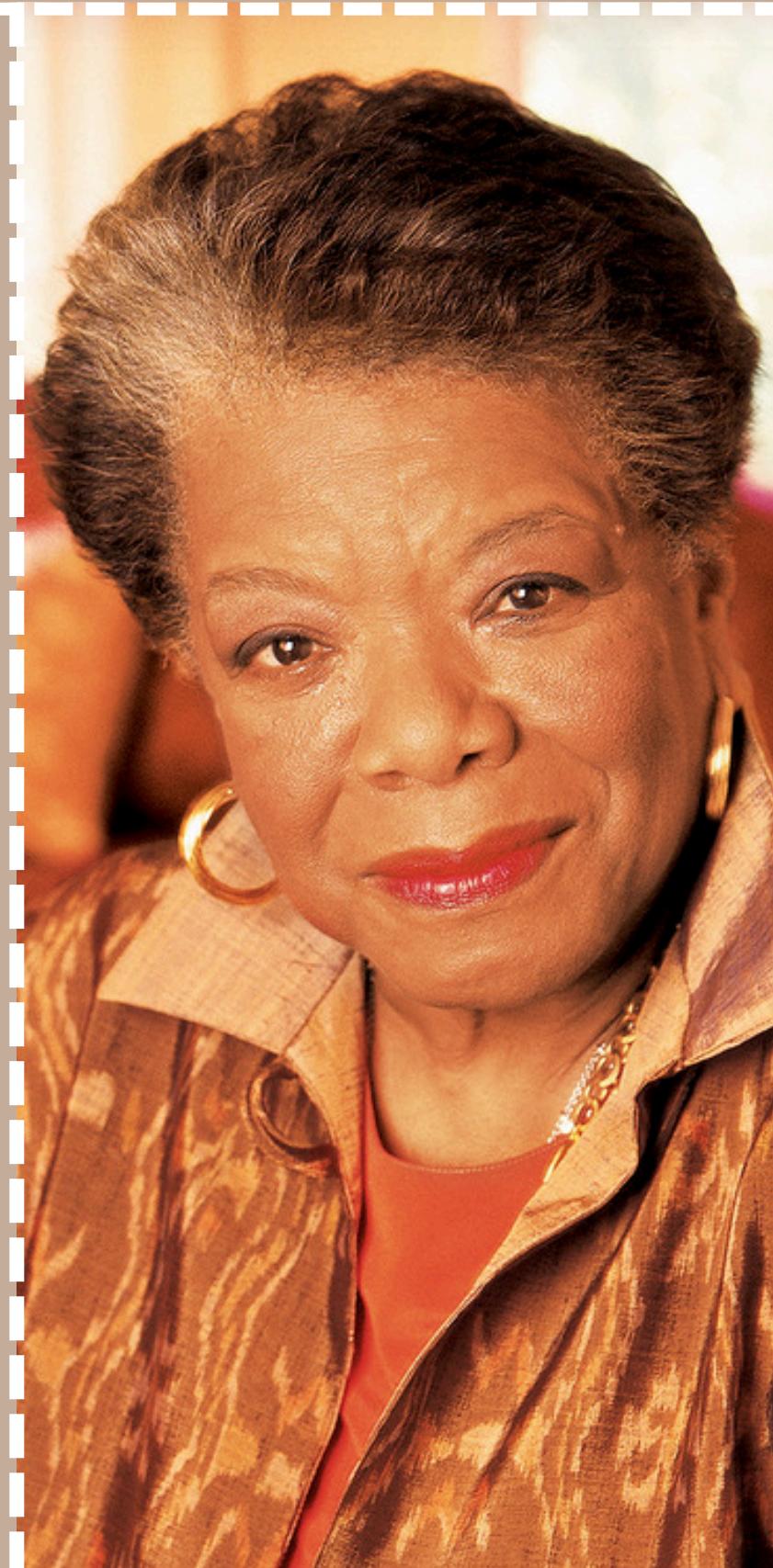
# **Maya Angelou**

The voice that freed caged  
birds.



# Who is she?

Maya Angelou was an African-American writer, poet, and activist, known for turning her personal story into works that inspired the world.



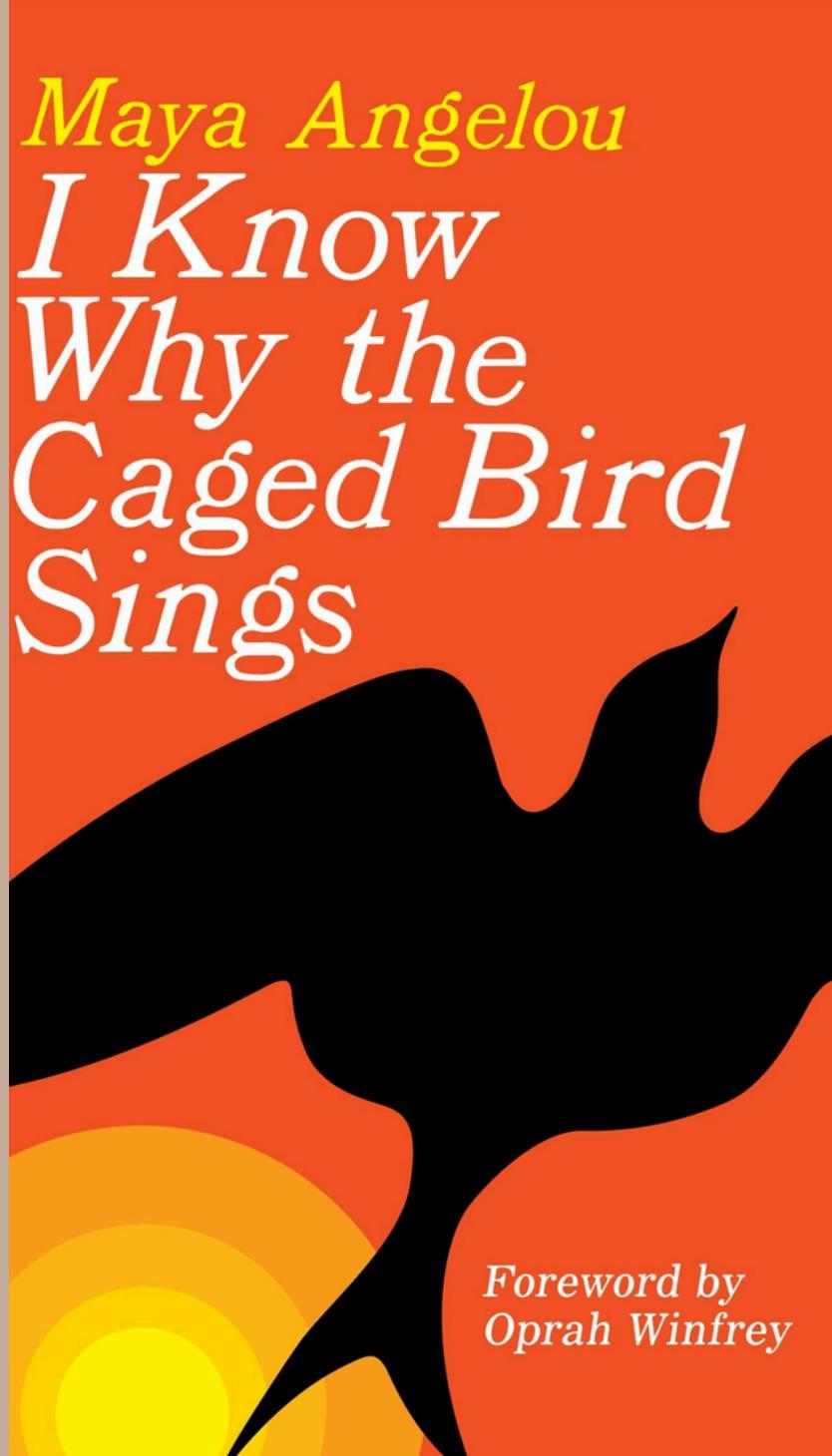
# The beginning



She began her career as a dancer and actress in the 1950s, later becoming a journalist and joining the Civil Rights Movement.

## Most famous work

*Maya Angelou  
I Know  
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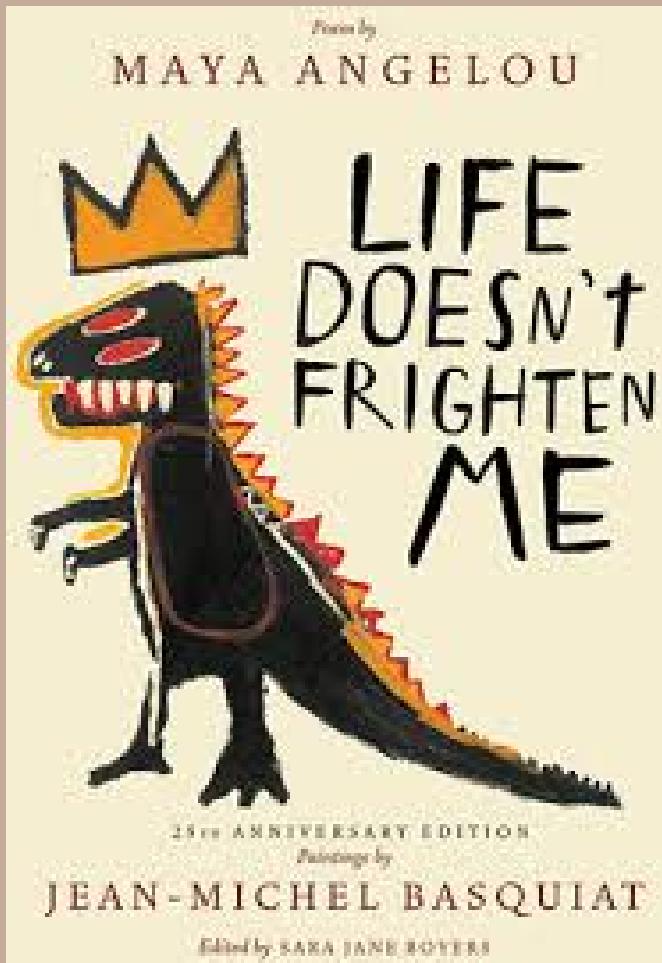
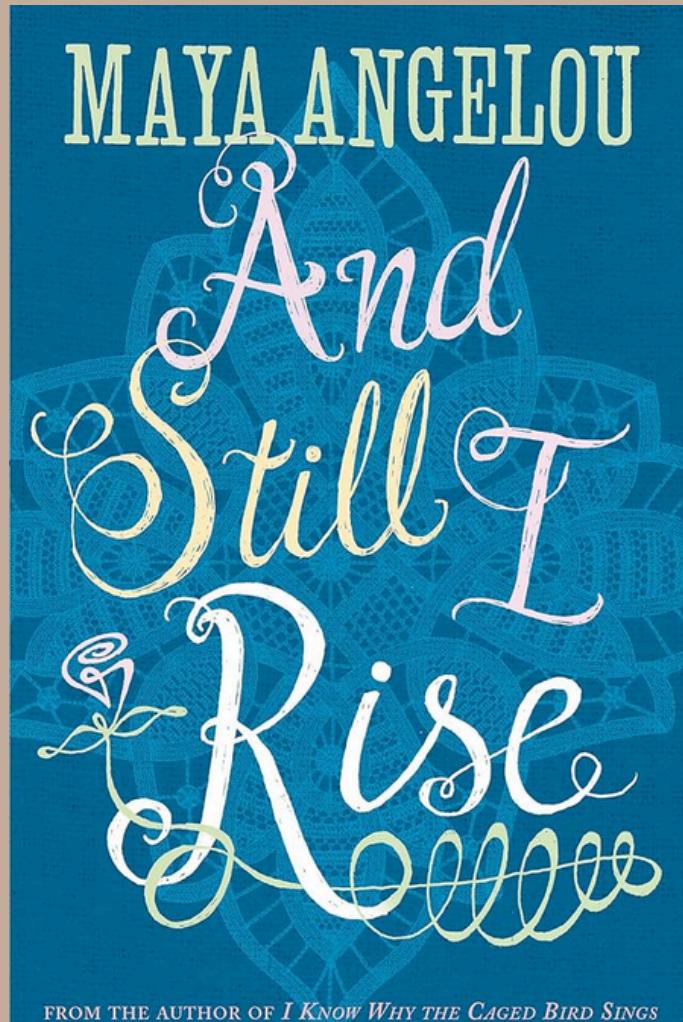
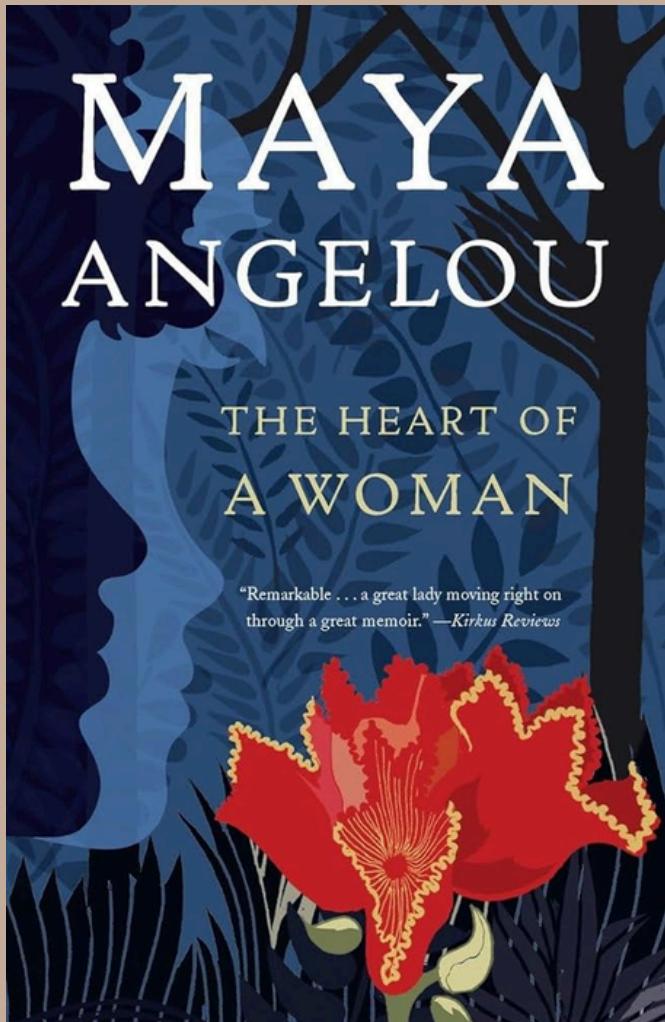


Foreword by  
Oprah Winfrey

Her most famous work is: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969), an autobiography that explores racism, trauma, and resilience.

“The caged bird sings with a fearful trill, of things unknown, but longed for still, and his tune is heard on the distant hill, for the caged bird sings of freedom.”

# From wound to healing



Her writing explores racism, identity, freedom, female empowerment, and emotional healing.

# Important events

In 1993, she recited “On the Pulse of Morning” at President Bill Clinton’s inauguration, becoming the first black poet to do so.





She received over 50 honorary degrees, multiple literary awards, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011.

*Oprah Winfrey*



*Tupac Shakur*



*Angela Davis*

Her work paved the way for more Black voices in literature and highlighted African-American experiences and storytelling.

# Legacy



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Maya left a legacy of strength, resilience, and poetry that continues to inspire writers, activists, and readers worldwide.

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