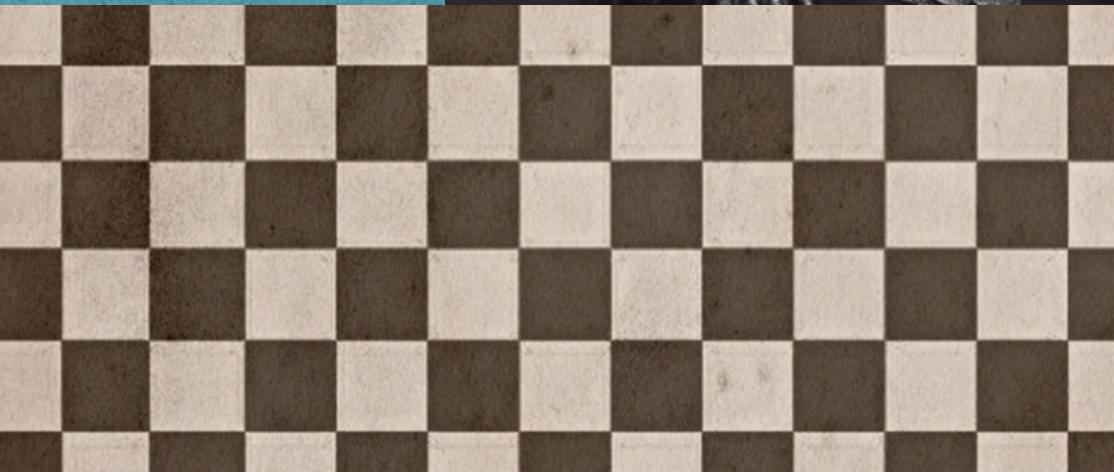


Angie Thomas

Author,
Producer,
Speaker,
Activist





Angie Thomas is an American writer born in 1988 in Jackson, Mississippi. She studied Creative Writing at Belhaven University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree. Today, she works professionally as an author and speaker.





Through her writing, Angie Thomas uses literature as a tool to advocate for social causes, especially issues related to racism, inequality, and justice. Her work seeks to amplify marginalized voices and promote meaningful dialogue about current social struggles.



"I always say, 'I never want to be their voice, but their microphone.' ... If I can help them find their voices, then so be it."

— Angie Thomas.

Testimonials by Angie Thomas



"America is at a critical point right now ... it is well beyond time for America to recognize that the sins of the past are the sins of the present ... it's astonishing to me that people don't recognize systemic racism exists ... it really blows my mind when people are more afraid of being called a racist than of being racist."

— Angie Thomas, Washington Post March 24, 2021



"When I started the book, I thought about the most traumatic thing in my life," says Thomas. "For me, it wasn't losing a friend like Starr, but my mom losing her job and our family going into crisis." Thomas was a teenager then, home-schooled due to mental health issues caused by bullying. Her mother, a former teacher, oversaw her education while caring for her sick mother. "It was a challenge," Thomas says. "We lived off my grandmother's benefits, and some days we didn't know if we'd have enough food. So this book definitely came from my own experience." — The Guardian

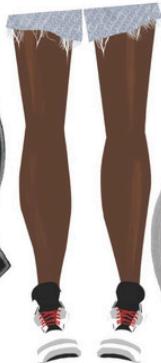
The Hate U Give

#1 New York Times Bestseller

ANGIE THOMAS



THE HATE U GIVE



"Absolutely riveting!"

JASON REYNOLDS

"Stunning."

JOHN GREEN

This is Angie Thomas' debut novel and was published in 2017. The book was inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement. It became a New York Times bestseller and was later adapted into a film.

When Silence BECOMES dangerous

Silence protects no one. Justice begins with a voice.

The Hate U Give follows Starr Carter, a teenager caught between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the elite prep school she attends. Her life changes the moment she witnesses the murder of her childhood best friend, Khalil, by a police officer — and Khalil was unarmed. From then on, Starr becomes the only person who can reveal the truth, and her voice is pulled, pressured, and threatened from all sides. This is the moment when she must choose between fear and courage.



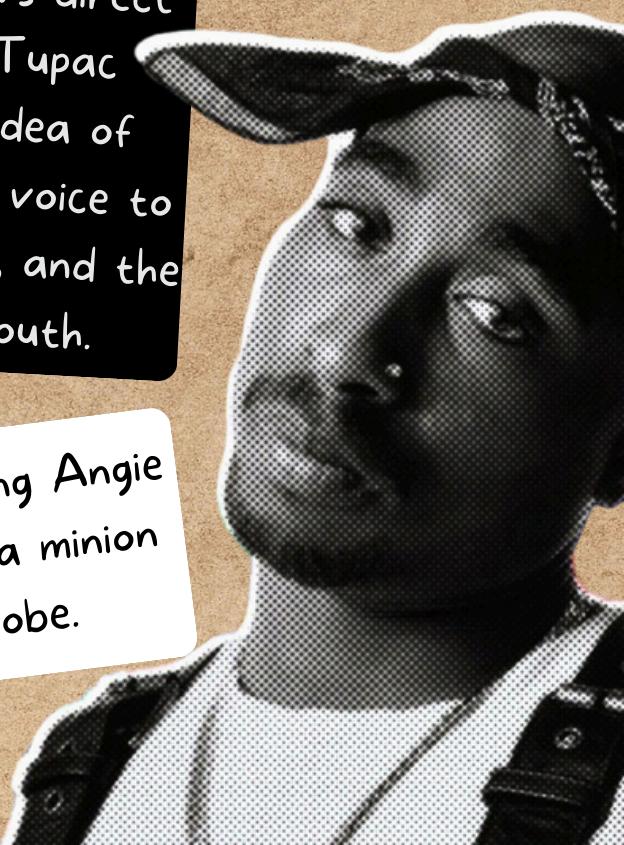
The book exposes the police brutality faced by Black communities and how the media often distorts the image of Black victims. It reveals the emotional and social weight of being Black in the United States, while highlighting the importance of resistance, voice, and the fight against injustice. Starr embodies the strength of Black youth who transform pain into movement and voice into power.

SOME FACTS ABOUT HER

She faces frequent censorship of *The Hate U Give* for its portrayal of racism and police violence, often challenged for alleged profanity, violence, or "anti-police" themes.

Angie Thomas draws direct inspiration from Tupac Shakur, using the idea of THUG LIFE to give voice to racism, police violence, and the power of Black youth.

When she isn't writing Angie spends her days as a minion to her puppy, Kobe.





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