

# Bessie Smith

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## Biography of Bessie Smith, Empress of the Blues

She was born on April 15, 1894 and her birthplace is Chattanooga, TN. During the marriage, Smith became the highest-paid black entertainer of the day, heading her own shows, which sometimes featured as many as 40 troupers, and touring in her own custom-built railroad car. Of course, she was only a child.

## Blues singer Bessie Smith, killed in Mississippi car wreck, is buried

He attributed her death to extensive and severe crush injuries to the entire right side of her body, consistent with a collision. Smith later entered a with an old friend, Richard Morgan, who was 's uncle. At an early age, Bessie Smith and her brother Andrew became street performers: She sang and did dance steps while he accompanied her on the guitar.

## Jackie Kay on Bessie Smith: 'My libidinous, raunchy, fearless blueswoman'

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## Bessie Smith Cultural Center

She was the subject of a 1997 biography by , reissued in February 2021 and featuring as on , read in an abridged version by the author. My eyes swept the floor anxiously, then suddenly I saw lightning strike. Her shows often sold out, and theaters requested additional nights to accommodate more ticket sales.

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