Frank Ocean is a singer, songwriter, record producer, and rapper known for his experimental approach to R&B. He has been credited for revitalizing R&B, and was listed in the 2013 *Time*’s list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Born in Long Beach, California as Christopher Edwin Breaux, his family moved to New Orleans at the early age of five. Inspired by the jazz bars and parlors in New Orleans, he began recording his own music. Frank moved to Los Angeles to pursue a music career in 2006, where he established himself a songwriter under the name Lonny Breaux and wrote songs for famous artists including Beyonce and Justin Bieber.

In 2009, he joined the hip hop collective Odd Future, and adopted the stage name Frank Ocean. On February 16, 2011, Frank self-released his first mixtape, *nostalgia, ULTRA*. After receiving critical acclaim and gaining international recognition, he began working on his debut studio album, *Channel Orange*. The album was released on July 10, 2012, and debuted at number 2 on the Billboard 200. The album was met with critical acclaim again and won the 2013 Grammy Award for best urban contemporary album. In 2016, Frank released his second studio album, *Blonde*, which topped the charts internationally and became certified platinum in July 2018.