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“A sensitive, spirited, and intelligent poet. Feeling is channeled into a style that is direct and sharp . . .”
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“Brief, slashing poems—young, and in the sun.” —Muriel Rukeyser

About the Author

Alice Walker (b. 1944), one of the United States' preeminent writers, is an award-winning author of novels, stories, essays, and poetry. In 1983, Walker became the first African-American woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for fiction with her novel *The Color Purple*, which also won the National Book Award. Her other novels include *The Third Life of Grange Copeland*, *Meridian*, *The Temple of My Familiar*, and *Possessing the Secret of Joy*. In her public life, Walker has worked to address problems of injustice, inequality, and poverty as an activist, teacher, and public intellectual.

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