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Isabel Wilkerson is an award-winning journalist and author whose work explores how history shapes identity, power, and social structure in the United States. A native of Washington, D.C., and a daughter of the Great Migration, Wilkerson devoted fifteen years to interviewing more than 1,200 people to document the experiences of the six million African Americans who fled the Jim Crow South in search of freedom -- research that became her landmark book *The Warmth of Other Suns* (2010).

In 1994, she became the first African American woman to receive a Pulitzer Prize in journalism while serving as Chicago Bureau Chief of The New York Times. Her later work, including *Caste* (2020), expands this inquiry by examining enduring systems of inequality, further cementing her influence on contemporary understandings of American history and society.