

OCTAVIA BUTLER



Octavia E. Butler was an award-winning African American author whose visionary fiction explored power, survival, and social change. A recipient of the MacArthur “Genius” Grant and the PEN West Lifetime Achievement Award, she is widely regarded as one of the most influential writers in speculative fiction.

Born in Pasadena, California, in 1947 and raised by her mother and grandmother, Butler authored celebrated novels including *Parable of the Sower* (1993), a New York Times Notable Book of the Year, and *Parable of the Talents* (1998), winner of the Nebula Award. Known for her lean prose and formidable protagonists, Butler crafted stories that move between past and future while offering sharp reflections on the present.