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about the author

“Sometimes you can do everything right and things will still go wrong. The key is to never stop doing right.”

– Angie Thomas, The Hate U Give

Angie Thomas was born in 1988 and grew up in Jackson, Mississippi. At an early age, Angie was exposed to crime, drug dealing, and gang violence in her neighborhood. In an attempt to expose Angie to a world beyond the violence in their neighborhood, her mother took her to the library. As a young woman, Angie learned how to navigate a world where gun violence and police brutality were an everyday reality. Her interests included reading, writing, and rapping. She received recognition as a teen rapper, including an article in Right-On!, a teen magazine featuring African American celebrities. She went on to receive a Creative Writing degree from Belhaven University.

The Hate U Give is Angie Thomas’s debut novel. It began as a short story based on her childhood and young adulthood. The story grew into a novel following a 2009 incident where 22-year-old Oscar Grant, an unarmed black man, was detained and fatally shot in the back by Oakland, California police. Oscar’s death, as well as other shootings of unarmed black men, inspired Thomas to finish the book. The Hate U Give was published in 2017 and debuted at number one on the New York Times young adult best-seller list; it remained on the list for over 50 weeks. The book has received critical acclaim, won several awards, and been made into a major motion picture.

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Montana Branch Library*
1704 Montana Avenue
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