

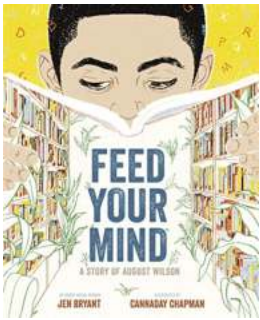
# Feed Your Mind: The Inspiring Journey of August Wilson



Welcome to Feed Your Mind! In this edition, we will explore the incredible life and works of the legendary playwright, August Wilson. Join us on a captivating journey as we delve into the compelling story of a man who used the power of words to shape and illuminate the experiences of African-Americans.

## **The Early Years and the Birth of a Literary Genius**

August Wilson was born on April 27, 1945, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Growing up in the Hill District, a largely African-American neighborhood, he keenly observed the challenges faced by his community. Little did he know that these experiences would later become the inspiration for his renowned plays.



## Feed Your Mind: A Story of August Wilson

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Wilson faced his own share of obstacles along the way. Dropping out of high school, he became a voracious reader and self-taught writer. Determined to pursue his passion for storytelling, he began crafting plays that portrayed the lives of ordinary black Americans with authenticity and depth.

### **The Ten-Play Cycle: A Monumental Achievement**

August Wilson's most significant achievement came in the form of his ten-play cycle, collectively known as "The Pittsburgh Cycle" or "The Century Cycle." Each play explores a different decade of the 20th century, chronicling the African-American experience and creating a comprehensive portrait of the struggles and triumphs within the community.

One of the most iconic works of this cycle is "Fences," which received widespread acclaim and numerous honors, including the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1987. Through powerful storytelling, Wilson tackled the themes of racial inequality, family dynamics, and the pursuit of dreams. The play became a cultural touchstone, capturing the hearts and minds of audiences worldwide.



## **The Long-Term Impact of August Wilson's Legacy**

August Wilson's immense talent and unwavering dedication to portraying the African-American experience continue to resonate with audiences today. His plays not only entertain but also challenge and inspire individuals from all walks of life.

Through his writing, Wilson provided a platform for marginalized voices to be heard. He shed light on the struggles and triumphs of African-Americans, fostering a sense of empathy and understanding amongst diverse communities. Wilson's work is a testament to the power of theater as a vehicle for social change.

## **Awards and Recognitions: Honoring a True Visionary**

August Wilson's contributions to American theater have been widely recognized and celebrated. In addition to the aforementioned Pulitzer Prize, he received numerous Tony Awards, including Best Play for "The Piano Lesson" and "Seven Guitars." His impact on the arts was further solidified when a Broadway theater was named after him – the August Wilson Theatre.



### **Continuing the Legacy and "Filling the Gaps"**

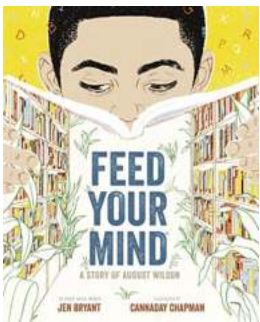
August Wilson passed away on October 2, 2005, leaving behind an enduring legacy. His work continues to be performed worldwide, inspiring young playwrights, actors, and theater enthusiasts.

His widow, Constanza Romero, has been instrumental in preserving and promoting his legacy. She established the August Wilson Monologue Competition, which encourages high school students to engage with Wilson's work and perform monologues from his plays. This initiative serves as a testament to Wilson's everlasting impact on future generations.

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August Wilson's journey from humble beginnings to becoming one of the most influential playwrights of the 20th century is nothing short of remarkable. His plays continue to captivate audiences with their powerful narratives, profound themes, and vivid characters.

So, the next time you find yourself hungry for inspiration and seeking a deeper understanding of the African-American experience, remember August Wilson – the man who used his words to bridge divides, change perceptions, and Feed Your Mind.



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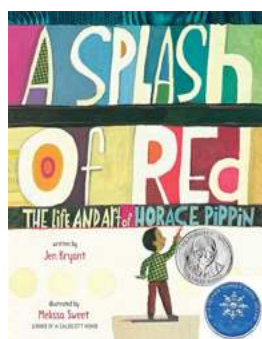
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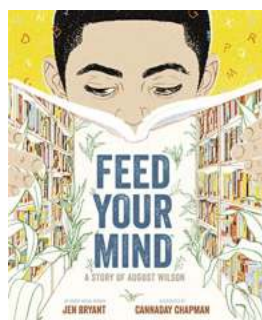
A celebration of August Wilson's journey from a child in Pittsburgh to one of America's greatest playwrights

August Wilson (1945–2005) was a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright who had a particular talent for capturing the authentic, everyday voice of Black Americans. As a child, he read off soup cans and cereal boxes, and when his mother brought him to the library, his whole world opened up. After facing intense prejudice at school from both students and some teachers, August dropped out. However, he continued reading and educating himself independently. He felt that if he could read about it, then he could teach himself anything and accomplish anything. Like many of his plays, *Feed Your Mind* is told in two acts, revealing how Wilson grew up to be one of the most influential American playwrights. The book includes an author's note, a timeline of August Wilson's life, a list of Wilson's plays, and a bibliography.



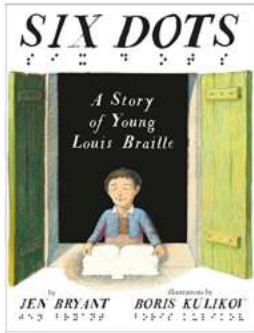
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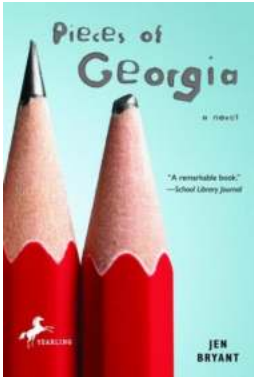
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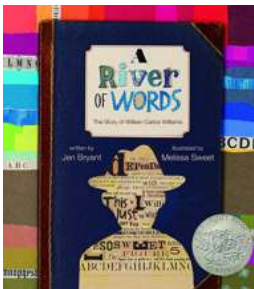
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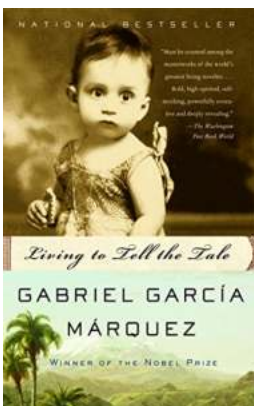
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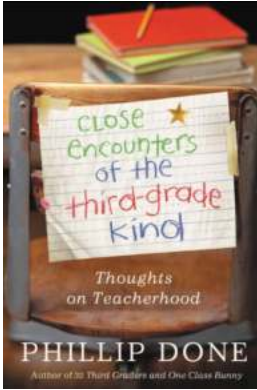
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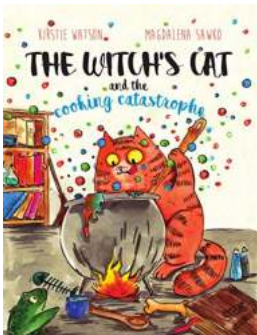
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