

ANDREA DAVIS PINKNEY ♦ Curriculum Vitae ♦ 6 Pages



Andrea Davis Pinkney is the *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author of more than 40 books. Her work has garnered multiple Coretta Scott King Book Awards, the *Boston Globe*/Horn Book Honor, and the Parenting Publications gold medal, among other citations. She is a four-time NAACP Image Award nominee, recipient of both the Regina Medal and the Arbuthnot Honor Award, for her singular body of work and distinguished contribution to the field of literature. Additionally, Ms. Pinkney has been inducted into the New York State Writers Hall of Fame. She and her work are the subject of the Emmy-nominated short film, *Andrea Davis Pinkney: National Author Engagement*.

Ms. Pinkney's creative expertise extends to the worlds of theater and the performing arts. She is the librettist for the Houston Grand Opera's *The Snowy Day*, with composer Joel Thompson, a work based on the beloved bestselling children's classic by Ezra Jack Keats. The acclaimed opera has been noted by the *New York Times* for its ability to "change perceptions about Black identity and attract new audiences to opera."

Ms. Pinkney has been named one of the "The 25 Most Influential People in Our Children's Lives" by *Children's Health* magazine, and is among *The Network Journal's* "25 Most Influential Black Women in Business." She is included in the "50 Over 50 Extraordinary Women" and "Women Who Light up the Arts Scene" power lists in *Good Housekeeping* and *Woman's Day* magazines. She has served in leadership and executive roles at the Walt Disney Company, Houghton Mifflin Company, *Essence* magazine, the CBS Magazines Group, and Simon & Schuster. Ms. Pinkney is currently Vice President, Executive Editor at Scholastic, where she has served since 2005.

During the course of her career, Ms. Pinkney has launched and developed many high-profile entertainment, media, and publishing properties. She has been the chief architect and strategic visionary for Disney Publishing Worldwide's Jump at the Sun publishing imprint, creator of The Cheetah Girls mega-series. She has served as the driving editorial force for the successful rebranding and expansion of *The Polar Express* movie tie-in book program. Ms. Pinkney has also been the primary editor for books such as Toni Morrison's *Remember: The Journey to School Integration* and *Serving from the Hip* by world-class tennis pros Venus and Serena Williams. At Scholastic, she has acquired and edited a robust list of authors and books, including the Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Honor book *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis, Sonia Manzano's Pura Belpré Honor winner, *The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano*, and *King and the Dragonflies* by Kacen Callender, winner of the National Book Award.

Ms. Pinkney is a graduate of Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. She lives in Brooklyn, New York with her husband, two-time Caldecott Honor recipient and *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator, Brian Pinkney. The Pinkneys have two children, a daughter and a son. **[more]**

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New York State Writers Hall of Fame inductee

Good Morning America Inspiration List – "Who's Making Black History Right Now?"

NAACP Image Award, four-time nominee

Avenue Magazine Power List

Jane Addams Children's Book Award

CBS Magazines' Editorial Excellence Award

Regina Medal for Distinguished Continued Contribution to Children's Literature

Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award

Coretta Scott King Book Award; Coretta Scott King Honor Award

Boston Globe/Horn Book Honor medal

Brooklyn Public Library Distinguished Honor Award

National Parenting Publication Gold Medal

Reach Out & Read Mills Tannenbaum Literacy Award

Literacy Partners Champion of Literacy Award

Read 718 Readers for Life Award

Medgar Evers College Lifetime Achievement Award

May Hill Arbutnot Honor Lecture Award

Sydney Taylor Honor Award

Kerlan Award

Knickerbocker Award

Africana Book Award

Children's Book Council Outstanding Achievement Diversity Award

The Adam's Prize, for work on behalf of children with disabilities

Boston Public Library Literary Lights Award

Carter G. Woodson Book Award

Syracuse University Academic Achievement Award

NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Print Media ♦ Contributor

The New York Times

The Huffington Post

NPR Books

Essence

Bustle

Scholastic Kids & Family Reading Report, expert commentator

The Horn Book, Guest Editor, “The Coretta Scott King Book Awards Gold Issue”

Television & Radio

Today Show, Al Roker Book Club, featured author

Good Morning America, dialogue with Chelsea Clinton

Toni Morrison national broadcast tribute

NPR’s *All Things Considered*; *Weekend Edition*; *Here & Now*, special guest

KidLit TV, host of “The Big Picture LIVE”

Oprah and Friends Radio, featured guest

Global spokesperson, World Read-Aloud Day

National spokesperson, “Read-Aloud 21 Day Challenge”

Media Ambassador, “Read-Aloud 15 Minutes”

Live Presentations

White House, National Book Festival, select author guest; main-stage presenter

Library of Congress, keynote speaker

United Nations General Assembly

Coretta Scott King Book Awards 50th anniversary host/producer

Children’s Choice Book Awards, live show presenter

The Authors Guild Gala, host/speaker

National Center for Learning Disabilities, media commentator

International Reading Association, keynote speaker

National Council of Teachers of English, keynote speaker

U.S Postal Service “Snowy Day” postal stamp national unveiling, select tribute speaker

The Carle Honors, host

Scholastic Book Fairs Reading Summit, annual keynote speaker

National Student Poets Interview Forum, host

National Center for Learning Disabilities Awards, host

Documentaries ♦ Featured Commentator

Virginia Lee Burton: A Sense of Place; The Snowy Day: An Opera for All; Picture the Dream: The Story of Civil Rights through Picture Books; Ezra Jack Keats Foundation; Coretta Scott King Awards Tribute

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY AFFILIATIONS

Master's Degree Thesis Advisement

The New School, Master of Fine Arts degree in Writing for Children and Young Adults, thesis advisor and graduate instructor

Hamline University, Master of Fine Arts degree in Writing for Children & Young Adults, graduate student advisement, lecturer, commencement speaker

Syracuse University, Master of Fine Arts Degree, Goldring Arts Journalism Program, student career advisement

Residencies

Framingham University, College of Education

Vassar College, School of Education

Stony Brook University, Summer Writing Intensive, teaching faculty and student advisement

Syracuse University, School of Education, residency, lecturer

The High Museum/Eric Carle Museum, guest curator, "Picture the Dream: Civil Rights Movement in Picture Books"

Keynotes/Lectures

Bank Street College of Education
Calvin College
Columbia University Teachers College
Concordia College, Nebraska
Concordia College, New York
Dominican University
Duquesne University
Keene State University
Lesley University
Medgar Evers College
Redlands University
Simmons College
Syracuse University
University of California, Davis
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Minnesota
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Virginia

NOTABLE INSTITUTIONS

Public Speaking

United Nations General Assembly

Broadway's New Amsterdam Theater, Jump at the Sun imprint launch with *The Lion King* cast

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

Library of Congress

Smithsonian Institution

Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators

BOARD & COMMITTEE SERVICE

Syracuse University S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Executive Board

Pace University, OASIS Center Instructional Support, Advisory Council

Children's Book Council, Executive Board, Diversity Committee

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Board of Trustees; Executive Committee

International Reading Association/American Library Association Liaison Committee co-chair

National Center for Learning Disabilities, Board of Trustees

Coretta Scott King Book Awards 40th anniversary, honorary chair

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Alliance for Young Writers and Artists, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, juror

Mary McDowell Friends School, Executive Committee, Board of Trustees Secretary,
Marketing/Public Relations Committee co-chair, Gala Host

Understood.org Parent Advisory Council

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES

Hamline University, Master of Fine Arts degree in Writing for Children & Young Adults,
Minneapolis, MN

The Churchill School, New York, NY

Greenwich Education Group, Greenwich, CT

AUDIOBOOK NARRATION

Martin Rising: Requiem for a King by Andrea Davis Pinkney - read by the author for Scholastic Audio

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney - read by the author for Hachette Audio

EDUCATION

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, B.S. Journalism; Minor Art History, 1985

RELATED COURSEWORK

Harvard University Business School Summer Venture in Management, 1984

SOCIAL MEDIA

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