

## Margaret Wrinkle, Biography



Born and raised in Birmingham Alabama, **Margaret Wrinkle** is a writer, filmmaker, educator and visual artist. Her debut novel, *Wash*, published by Grove Atlantic, reexamines American slavery in ways that challenge contemporary assumptions about race, power, history and healing. It has won the Center for Fiction's Flaherty-Dunnan First Novel Prize and an American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation.

*Wash* has also been named the Fiction Runner Up for the Dayton

Literary Peace Prize, a finalist for the 2014 Chautauqua Prize, a *Wall Street Journal* top ten novel of the year, a *New York Times* Editors' Choice, an *O Magazine* top ten selection and a *People* magazine 4-star pick.

Wrinkle has received a residency from Hedgebrook and the Griot Award for outstanding storytelling of diverse cultural heritage by the Dora Franklin Finley African-American Heritage Trail of Mobile. Her award-winning documentary *broken\ground*, made with Chris Lawson about the racial divide in her historically conflicted hometown, was featured on NPR's *Morning Edition* and was a winner of the Council on Foundations Film Festival. She has taught at the San Francisco Art Institute and lives in rural New Mexico.