

## Margaret Wrinkle, Biography



Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, **Margaret Wrinkle** is a writer, filmmaker, educator and visual artist. Her debut novel, *Wash*, reexamines American slavery in ways that challenge contemporary assumptions about race, power, history and healing. Published by Grove Atlantic, *Wash* won the 2013 Center for Fiction's Flaherty-Dunnan First Novel Prize and a 2014 American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation. The novel has also been named a finalist

for the 2014 Dayton Literary Peace Prize and the 2014 Chautauqua Prize, a *Wall Street Journal* Top Ten novel of the year, a *New York Times* Editors' Choice, an *O* Magazine selection for 10 Books to Pick Up Now, and a *People* magazine 4-star pick.

Wrinkle earned a BA and an MA in English from Yale University and has studied traditional West African spiritual practices with Malidoma Somé. She was awarded a residency at Hedgebrook and a Griot Award from 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.