

Viola Davis



Viola Davis is known as one of the best actors of hers AND our time. The list of accolades and awards she has obtained over her lifetime so far has surpassed many of her white counterparts. Davis was born in St Matthews, South Carolina, on her grandmother's farm on the Singleton Plantation. Two months after she was born, she moved to Rhode Island with 2 of her sisters, leaving 2 siblings behind with her grandmother. Her mother was also a civil rights activist. At the age of 2 Davis was brought to jail with her mother after she was arrested during a protest. Viola Davis eventually grew up and moved onto college where she studied for four years at Julliard.

She slowly began getting roles on Broadway and winning awards before she turned to the big screen. Many of her most popular roles are in civil rights movies that are framed around the struggles of black people. Some of her most popular features include: Fences, the help, and her television series 'How to get away with murder'. Her versatility has made her a very talented actor, she has starred in the DC action movie, 'Suicide Squad' as well as multiple shows on Broadway. Davis is a very outspoken activist in full support of the Black Lives Matter movement and is very vocal about it on social media. She has said in interviews that she used to be very insecure about her dark skin and hair texture but has grown to love it and wants to inspire young black girls to love themselves and all their features.