



# Lorraine Hansberry

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*Lorraine Hansberry* Susan Sinnott,1999-01-01 Lorraine Hansberry tells the fascinating story of the brave and talented woman who almost single handedly overcame the racial obstacles that made for a segregated American theatre in the years following World War II Hansberry was just twenty nine years old when her play A Raisin in the Sun opened in 1959 an era where her very existence as a black female writer was considered unusual The play was an overnight sensation earning its author the double distinction of being the youngest playwright and first black person to win the New York Drama Critics Circle Award In Hansberry s own words A Raisin in the Sun tells the truth about people We have among our miserable and downtrodden ranks people who are the very essence of human dignity That is what after all the laughter and tears the play is supposed to say      *To Be Young, Gifted and Black* Lorraine Hansberry,James Baldwin,1970-09-01      *Lorraine Hansberry* Anne Cheney,1984 Examines the life and works of twentieth century African American playwright Lorraine Hansberry who wrote A Raisin in the Sun includes a chronology and a selected bibliography      **Lorraine Hansberry** Charles J. Shields,2025-08-22 The moving story of the life of the woman behind A Raisin in the Sun the most widely anthologized read and performed play of the American stage by the New York Times bestselling author of Mockingbird A Portrait of Harper Lee Written when she was just twenty eight Lorraine Hansberry s landmark A Raisin in the Sun is listed by the National Theatre as one of the hundred most significant works of the twentieth century Hansberry was the first Black woman to have a play performed on Broadway and the first Black and youngest American playwright to win a New York Critics Circle Award Charles J Shields s authoritative biography of one of the twentieth century s most admired playwrights examines the parts of Lorraine Hansberry s life that have escaped public knowledge the influence of her upper class background her fight for peace and nuclear disarmament the reason why she embraced Communism during the Cold War and her dependence on her white husband her best friend critic and promoter Many of the identity issues about class sexuality and race that she struggled with are relevant and urgent today This dramatic telling of a passionate life a very American life through self reinvention uses previously unpublished interviews with close friends in politics and theater privately held correspondence and deep research to reconcile old mysteries and raise new questions about a life not fully described until now      **A Raisin in the Sun** Lorraine Hansberry,2004-11-29 Never before in the entire history of the American theater has so much of the truth of Black people s lives been seen on the stage observed James Baldwin shortly before A Raisin in the Sun opened on

Broadway in 1959 This edition presents the fully restored uncut version of Hansberry's landmark work with an introduction by Robert Nemiroff Lorraine Hansberry's award winning drama about the hopes and aspirations of a struggling working class family living on the South Side of Chicago connected profoundly with the psyche of Black America and changed American theater forever The play's title comes from a line in Langston Hughes's poem Harlem which warns that a dream deferred might dry up like a raisin in the sun The events of every passing year add resonance to *A Raisin in the Sun* said The New York Times It is as if history is conspiring to make the play a classic *To Be Young, Gifted and Black* Lorraine Hansberry, 1996-01-03 Assembled from plays essays letters drawings and photographs this memoir records the passionate engagement and spectacular accomplishment of the playwright of *A Raisin in the Sun* It follows Lorraine Hansberry from her childhood in Chicago where her family encountered vicious resistance when it moved into a white neighborhood through her arrival in New York where the triumph of *A Raisin in the Sun* made her famous virtually overnight to her death at the tragically early age of thirty four Above all Hansberry's autobiography rings with the voice of its creator a black woman who could be angry loving bitter touchingly funny and defiantly proud *Radical Vision* Soyica Diggs Colbert, 2021-04-20 A captivating portrait of Lorraine Hansberry's life art and political activism one of O Magazine's best books of April 2021 Hits the mark as a fresh and timely portrait of an influential playwright Publishers Weekly In this biography of Lorraine Hansberry 1930-1965 the author of *A Raisin in the Sun* Soyica Diggs Colbert considers the playwright's life at the intersection of art and politics with the theater operating as a rehearsal room for her political and intellectual work Colbert argues that the success of *Raisin* overshadows Hansberry's other contributions including the writer's innovative journalism and lesser known plays touching on controversial issues such as slavery interracial communities and black freedom movements Colbert also details Hansberry's unique involvement in the black freedom struggles during the Cold War and the early civil rights movement in order to paint a full portrait of her life and impact Drawing from Hansberry's papers speeches and interviews this book presents its subject as both a playwright and a political activist It also reveals a new perspective on the roles of black women in mid twentieth century political movements [Conversations with Lorraine Hansberry](#) Mollie Godfrey, 2020-12-28 Honorable Mention Recipient of the Modern Language Association Prize for Collaborative Bibliographical or Archival Scholarship Spanning from the debut of *A Raisin in the Sun* on Broadway in 1959 to her early death from cancer in January 1965 Lorraine Hansberry's short stint in the public eye changed the landscape of American theater With *A Raisin in the Sun* Hansberry 1930-1965 became both the first African American woman to have a play produced on Broadway and the first to win the prestigious New York Drama Critics Circle Award Resonating deeply with the aims of the civil rights movement *Raisin* also ushered in a new era of Black representation on the stage and screen displacing the cartoonish stereotypes that were the remnants of blackface minstrelsy in favor of complex three dimensional portrayals of Black characters and Black life Hansberry's public discourse in the aftermath of *Raisin*'s success also disrupted

mainstream critical tendencies to diminish the work of Black artists helping pave the way for future work by Black playwrights Conversations with Lorraine Hansberry is the first volume to collect all of her substantive interviews in one place including many radio and television interviews that have never before appeared in print The twenty one pieces collected here ranging from just before the Broadway premiere of *A Raisin in the Sun* to less than six months before Hansberry's death offer an incredible window into Hansberry's aesthetic and political thought In these conversations Hansberry explores many of the questions most often put to Black writers of the mid twentieth century including everything from her thinking about the relationship between art and protest universality and particularity and realism and naturalism to her sense of the relationship between Black intellectuals and the Black masses integration and Black Nationalism and African American and Pan African liberation Taken together these interviews reveal the insight intensity and eloquence that made Hansberry such a transformative figure in American letters

**A Reader's Guide to Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*** Pamela Loos, 2008-01-01 Presents a critique and analysis of *A Raisin in the Sun* discussing the plot themes dramatic devices and major characters in the play and includes a brief overview of Hansberry's other works

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**Lorraine Hansberry** Richard Leeson, 1997-06-18 Born in the Southside of Chicago in 1930 Lorraine Hansberry and her family moved to a large house in a white neighborhood in 1938 In order to live there her father had to fight a civil rights case in the Supreme Court against segregationists Her experiences with racial discrimination fueled her strong commitment to social justice and inspired her works In 1959 her first produced play *A Raisin in the Sun* met the enthusiastic praise of Broadway critics and audiences alike It was the first and longest running play by an African American woman to be produced on Broadway When it won the New York Drama Circle Award for the best new drama that year Hansberry became the first black woman and the youngest recipient to earn that honor She died just a few years later in 1965 without ever fully realizing her potential This reference book is a guide to her career The volume begins with a chronology that recounts the major events in Hansberry's brief but influential life Entries are then listed for her plays including *A Raisin in the Sun* 1959 *The Sign* in

Sidney Brustein's *Window* 1964 *To Be Young Gifted and Black* 1969 *Les Blancs* 1970 *The Drinking Gourd* 1972 *What Use Are Flowers* 1972 and the unfinished *Toussaint* 1986 Each entry includes a plot summary critical commentary and production information when available An annotated bibliography of works by and about Hansberry along with a list of unpublished material and archival sources complete the volume      *A Raisin in the Sun* Lorraine Hansberry, 2000 When it was first produced in 1959 *A Raisin in the Sun* was awarded the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for that season and hailed as a watershed in American drama A pioneering work by an African American playwright the play was a radically new representation of black life A play that changed American theater forever *The New York Times* Copyright Libri GmbH All rights reserved      **Hansberry's Drama** Steven R. Carter, 1991 This insightful study opens with an overview of Hansberry's cultural social political and philosophical views and their relations to her artistic goals      *Movement* Lorraine Hansberry, 1983-02-01      **A Raisin in the Sun** Lorraine Hansberry, 1994-01 An African American family is united in love and pride as they struggle to overcome poverty and harsh living conditions in the award winning 1959 play about an embattled Chicago family      **Out** , 1999-09 *Out* is a fashion style celebrity and opinion magazine for the modern gay man

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