

Nikki Giovanni: A Poet for Positivity

Nikki Giovanni (1943) is an American writer and poet. She became famous in the 1960s during the Black Arts Movement. She studied at Fisk University in Tennessee, where she was expelled by the Dean, before being asked to come back four years later by the school's new dean.

Giovanni used writing to help her deal with the loss of her grandmother. After the birth of her son in 1969, Giovanni began writing books and poems for children.

Her writings deal with racial and gender equality, and have won various awards, such as the Langston Hughes Medal and the NAACP Image Award. She currently teaches at Virginia Tech.

