

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Nigeria)



After completing secondary school and a year and a half of medical school at the University of Nigeria, Adichie came to the United States to study at Drexel University and then Eastern Connecticut State. Continuing the writing career she began in Nigeria, Adichie completed a master's degree in creative writing at Johns Hopkins and in 2008 received a master's degree in African Studies from Yale.

A self-proclaimed champion of feminism, Adichie has authored many critically acclaimed books such as 'Half of a Yellow Sun', 'Americanah' and other prize winning short stories. Her 2009 TED Talk, "[The Danger of a Single Story](https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story) [1]," has been viewed about 20 million times, a perennial favorite among the media platform's "ideas worth spreading". A winner of the prestigious Macarthur Fellowship and an inductee of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Adichie returned to Yale in 2019 where she was the first African to deliver the Class Day address and was awarded a Yale honorary degree.

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