



VIDEOS THAT
EXPLAIN THE
ORIGIN OF THE
PULITZER PRIZE

1) American Genius, PBS, Joseph Pulitzer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ns_hAsS_IkU&list=PPSV

2) Short History: The Pulitzer Prize

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1LiAR_S6kE&list=PPSV



August Wilson

April 27, 1945 – October 2, 2005



Quick Facts

FULL NAME: Frederick August Kittel

BIRTHDATE: April 27, 1945

BIRTHPLACE: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

DEATH: October 2, 2005

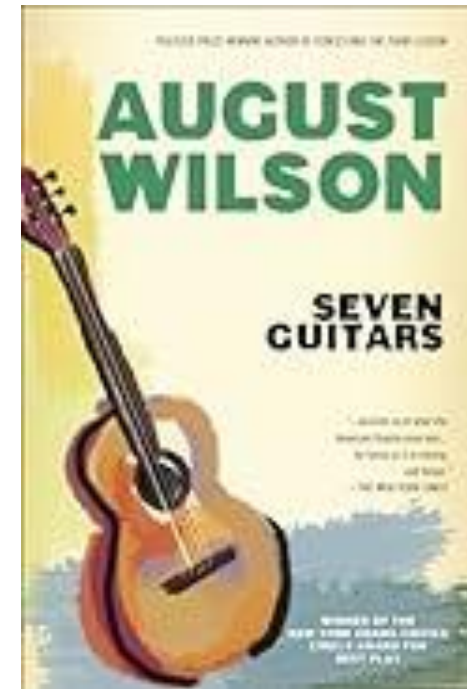
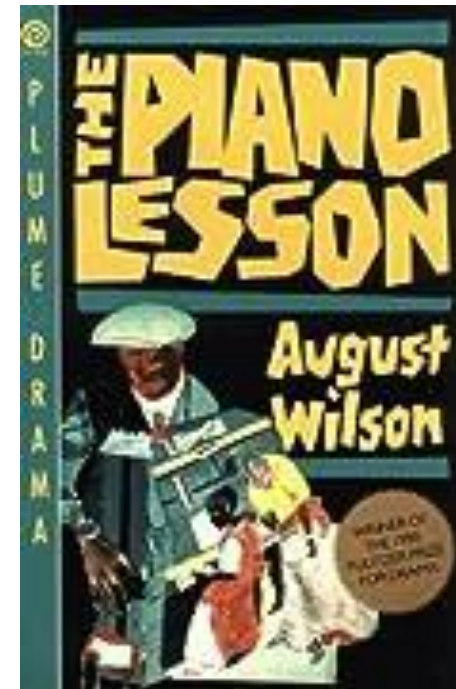
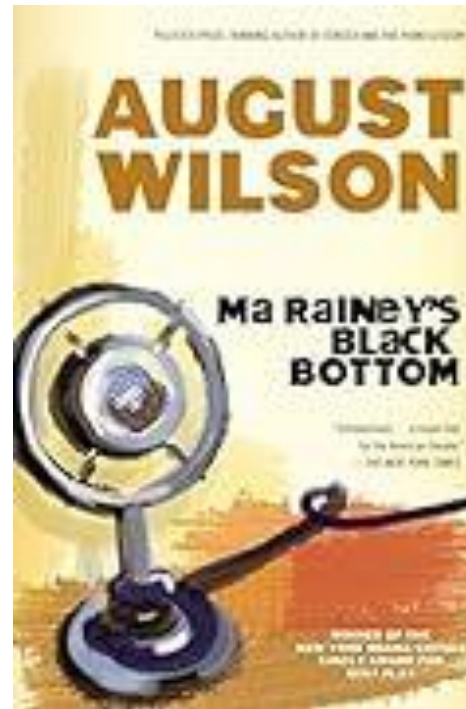
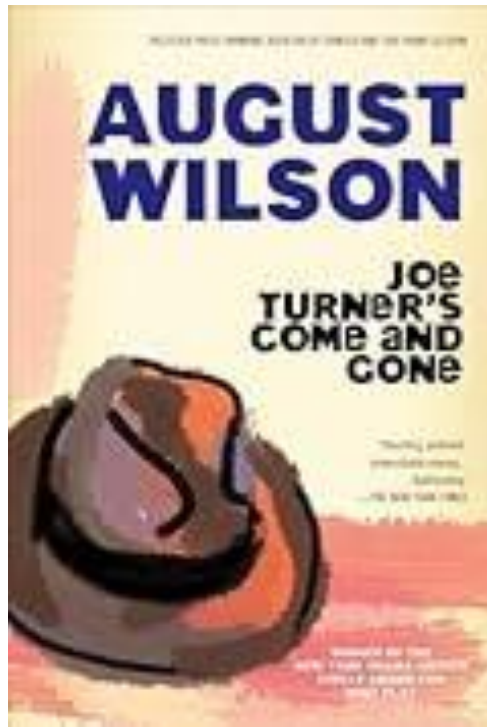
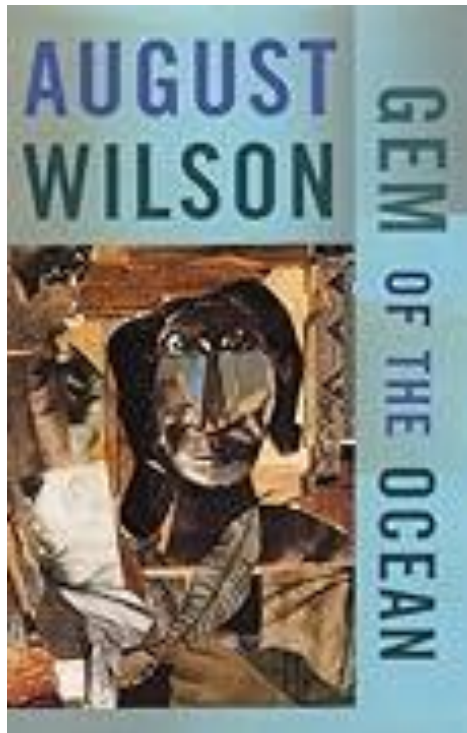
SPOUSE: Constanza Romero (m. 1994-2005),
Judy Oliver (m. 1981-1990), Brenda Burton (m.
1969-1972)

CHILDREN: Sakina, Ansari

Prizes: His work has garnered many awards including Pulitzer Prizes for *Fences* (1987) and for *The Piano Lesson* (1990); a Tony Award for *Fences*; Great Britain's Oliver Award for *Jitney*; as well as seven New York Drama Critics Circle Awards

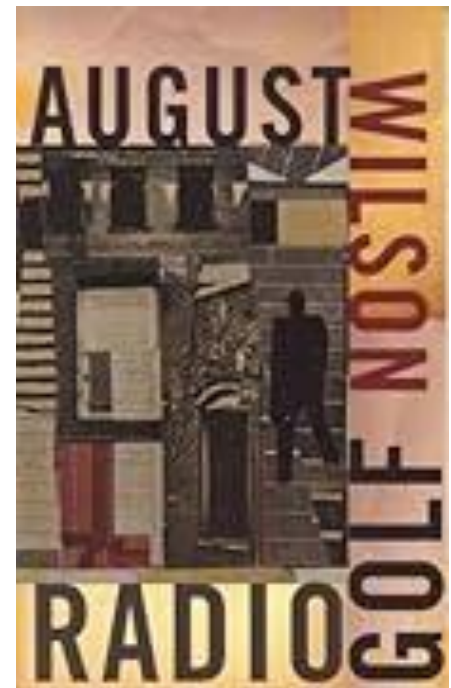
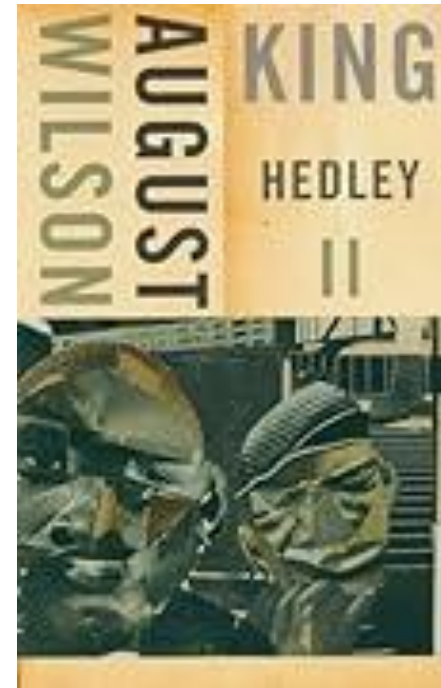
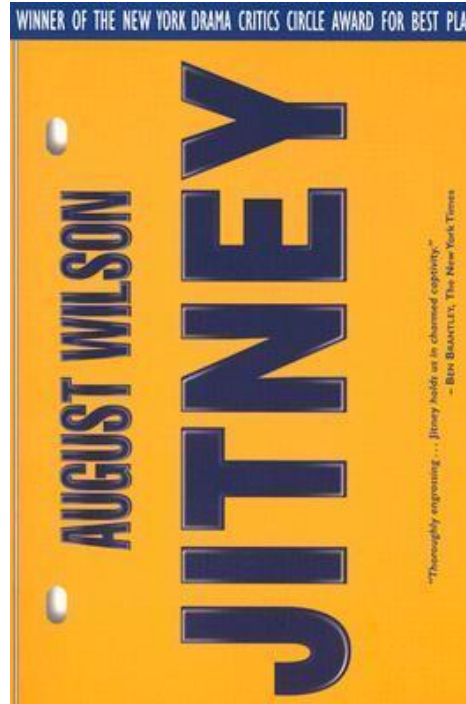
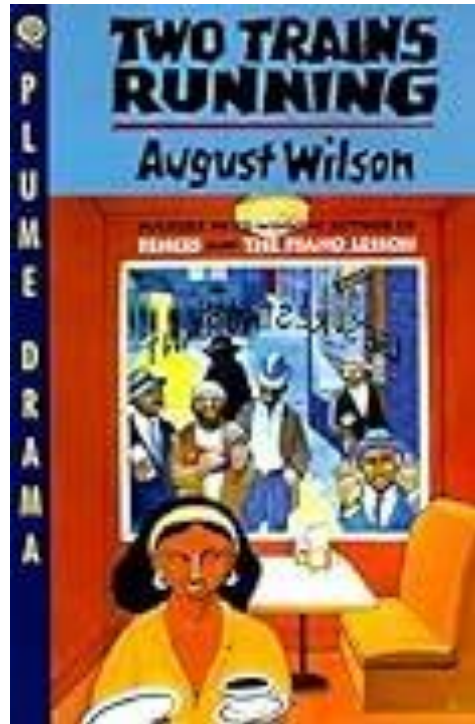
"Don't you worry 'bout whether someone like you; worry 'bout whether they're doin' right by you." *Fences*

Book Covers One thru Five of The ten-play cycle (Century Cycle)



[Link to article that summarizes books](#)

Book Covers six thru ten of The ten-play cycle (Century Cycle)



[Link to an article that summarizes books](#)



<https://www.wtae.com/article/august-wilson-day-proclaimed-in-city-of-pittsburgh/26418214>



In 2005, August Wilson completed a ten-play cycle, nine of which are set in Pittsburgh, chronicling the African American experience in the 20th century:

1900s – *Gem of the Ocean* (2003)

1910s – *Joe Turner's Come and Gone* (1984)

1920s – *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* (1982) – set in Chicago

1930s – *The Piano Lesson* (1986) – won Pulitzer Prize

1940s – *Seven Guitars* (1995)

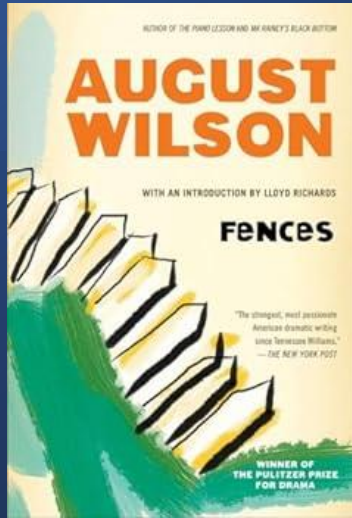
1950s – *Fences* (1985) – won Pulitzer Prize

1960s – *Two Trains Running* (1990)

1970s – *Jitney* (1982)

1980s – *King Hedley II* (2001)

1990s – *Radio Golf* (2005)



Fences summary

<https://youtu.be/DevqVdIT6Co?si=QI10h7lj9xYkh5nM>

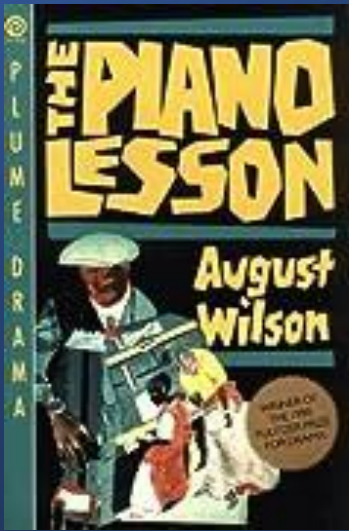
Fences was published in 1985.

The play won a Pulitzer Prize for drama and the Tony Award for Best Play in 1987.



The play, set in the 1950's, is the sixth in Wilson's ten-part Pittsburgh Cycle.

In 2010 – nominated for 10 more awards – won three - Best Revival of a play, best actor (Denzel Washington) and best actress (Viola Davis).



The Piano Lesson

<https://youtu.be/KTeD5S6XJOY?si=RGaxlaR0uRrbRfL2>



Summary of The Piano Lesson Scene from the 1995 Movie

34:30 in

Death



August Wilson died of liver cancer on October 2, 2005.

On October 16, 2005, only 14 days after Wilson's death, the Virginia Theatre in New York's Broadway theatre district was renamed the August Wilson Theatre. This is the first Broadway theatre to bear the name of an African-American.

Video clips of August Wilson and plays

<https://www.pbs.org/video/american-masters-august-wilson-ground-which-i-stand/>

American Masters
Trailer

<https://youtu.be/oJQFT44IJXs?si=HJOc4xaKhY7Peaf1>

August Wilson talks
production

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NJJL0ywJneU>

Viola Davis emotional
scene

ABC Interview of “The Piano Lesson” Revival

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vy_gQ1yeLE



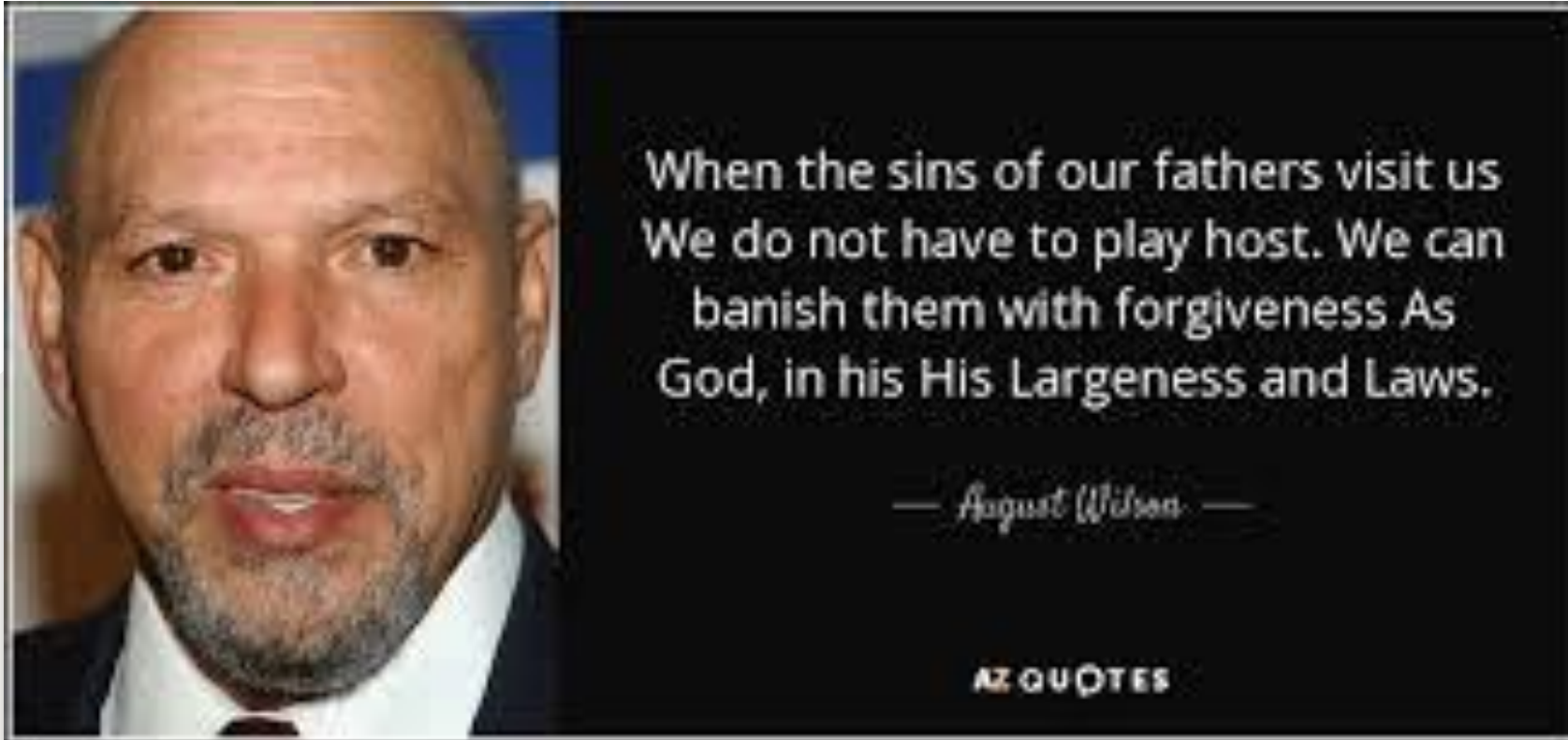
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disbelief.

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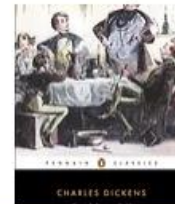
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November 29th

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, Pulitzer 2023

And...Dicken's David Copperfield, as it was Kingsolver's inspiration. We will read a summary



December's Author