



Writer, Poet, Scholar & Accomplished Classical Pianist

An accomplished classical pianist, poet and novelist, 18-year-old Noni Carter has always cherished the history, values and life lessons of her ancestors. With her debut novel, *Good Fortune*, Noni hopes to inspire a generation of black youth (her generation) to also embrace with pride the rich legacy of black history—including the gripping experience of slavery.

In *Good Fortune*, Noni presents an inspiring, historical fiction slave narrative—woven through the flashbacks and remembrances of Ayanna Bahati, an African-American slave woman in the 19th century. The novel is poised to do for Noni’s generation what Alex Haley’s *Roots* did for his generation—using a compelling story, inspired by the true story of Noni’s great-great-great-great grandmother, to motivate readers of all ages to treasure all aspects of their history; to value education and learning; and to never, ever give up.

This novel is not the first significant achievement for Noni Carter, and as she is esteemed by many as a “once in a lifetime young inspiration”, it is certain that this won’t be the last.

About Noni’s Achievements

By the time Noni embarked on her freshman year in college at Harvard University, she had already accomplished more than most young adults achieve by the time they earn their college degrees. She graduated with honors—ranked in the top fifth percent of her class—from Sandy Creek High School in Georgia—where she was dually enrolled in college at Clayton State University and participated in several extra-curricular activities—including Model United Nations, the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars.

Noni garnered regional and national acclaim for her talent as a classical pianist—including being profiled in the Georgia Governor’s Honors Program and Florida State University’s Honors Piano Camp; performing with the Metropolitan Atlanta Musicians Association, Southeastern Association for Jazz and the Arts, RPM Beatles Music Studios and the Clark Atlanta Youth Jazz Band; and participating in the annual NAACP ACT-SO competition in New York for classical music.

Aside from her musical endeavors, Noni has always been actively engaged in volunteerism and community activism. She was an active member of Fayette County's Youth NAACP; served as a spokesperson for the BookinaDay organization under Kwame Alexander; volunteered with Atlanta's Children Shelter, Kamp Kook Kidz and the National Black Arts Festival; performed at elderly centers in metro Atlanta every holiday; and supported the Helping Hands Nigeria Foundation through a charity concert and other activities. She also participated in the prestigious National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington D.C.

When she's not studying at Harvard, playing piano, fine-tuning her tennis game or working on her next writing project, Noni spends time with her family in Fayetteville, Ga., including her parents—Drs. Clinton and Denise Carter; her sisters—Dara and Camara; and her brother Desmond.