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jtkoch@pbs.org pbsinternational.org Distinctly referred to as "a redwood tree, with deep roots in American culture," Dr. Maya Angelou gave people the freedom to think about their history in a way they never had before. Dr. Angelou led a prolific life; as a singer, dancer, activist, poet and writer she inspired generations with lyrical modern African-American thought that pushed boundaries.

This unprecedented film celebrates Dr. Angelou by weaving her words with rare and intimate archival photographs and videos which paint hidden moments of her exuberant life during some of America's most defining moments. From her upbringing in the Depression-era south to her work with Malcolm X in Ghana to her inaugural speech for President Bill Clinton, the film takes us on an incredible journey through the life of a true American icon.

The film also features a remarkable series of interviews with friends and family including President Bill Clinton, Oprah Winfrey, Common, Alfre Woodard, Cicely Tyson, Quincy Jones, Secretary Hillary Clinton, John Singleton and Dr. Angelou's son, Guy Johnson



CREDITS

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