

# Supreme Actresses: Iconic Black Women Who Revolutionized Hollywood

Supreme Actresses: Iconic Black Women Who Revolutionized Hollywood is a groundbreaking book that celebrates the lives and careers of six trailblazing Black actresses who made a significant impact on the film industry. From Dorothy Dandridge to Halle Berry, these women overcame tremendous obstacles to achieve success and left an indelible mark on Hollywood history.

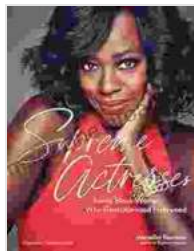
## Meet the Supreme Actresses

- **Dorothy Dandridge:** The first African American woman to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress, Dandridge starred in such classic films as *Carmen Jones* and *Porgy and Bess*.
- **Lena Horne:** A legendary singer and actress, Horne was one of the first Black women to star in a major Hollywood film, *Stormy Weather*.
- **Diana Ross:** A global superstar, Ross began her career as a member of The Supremes before going on to star in such films as *Lady Sings the Blues* and *Mahogany*.
- **Whoopi Goldberg:** A groundbreaking comedian and actress, Goldberg became the first Black woman to win all four major North American entertainment awards (EGOT).
- **Cicely Tyson:** A seven-time Emmy Award winner, Tyson is known for her powerful performances in such films as *Souder* and *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*.

- **Halle Berry:** The first African American woman to win the Academy Award for Best Actress, Berry has starred in a wide range of films, including *Monster's Ball*, *Die Another Day*, and *Cloud Atlas*.

## Overcoming Obstacles

The six women profiled in *Supreme Actresses* all faced significant obstacles in their careers due to their race and gender. Dandridge, for example, was often typecast in stereotypical roles and was denied opportunities to play more complex characters. Horne was told that she would never be a star because of her dark skin. Ross was pressured to lighten her skin and change her hairstyle in *Free Download* to be more appealing to white audiences. Goldberg faced discrimination and harassment throughout her career, but she never gave up on her dream of becoming a successful actress.



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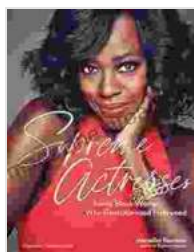
## Leaving a Legacy

Despite the challenges they faced, the six women profiled in *Supreme Actresses* all left a lasting legacy on Hollywood. They paved the way for other Black actresses to follow in their footsteps, and their work continues

to inspire and entertain audiences around the world. Supreme Actresses is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of cinema, Black history, or women's history.

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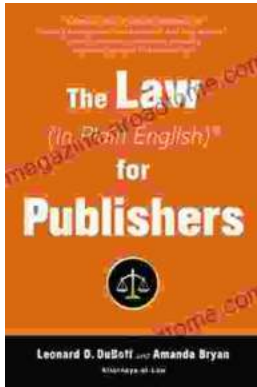
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