

JANUS ADAMS



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Emmy Award-winning journalist, historian, entrepreneur, and bestselling author of eleven books, **Dr. Janus Adams** is the host of public radio’s “The Janus Adams Show” and podcast.

A frequent on-air guest, she has appeared on ABC, BET, CBS, CNN, Fox News, NBC’s *The Today Show*, and NPR’s *All Things Considered*. With more than 500 articles, essays and columns to her credit, her work has been featured in *Essence* and *Ms. Magazines*, *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, *USA Today*, and *The Washington Post*. Her syndicated column ran in the Hearst Newspapers for sixteen years. Her commentary has been broadcast on CBS and NPR, and published in the Huffington Post. Her book, *Glory Days: 365 Inspired Moments in African American History*, was licensed by McDonald’s and reached more than 3 million readers.

A pioneer of issue-oriented African-American and women’s programming she has hosted her own radio and television talk shows for more than ten years. Her series, “Milestones in African-American Business History,” ran on public radio’s *Marketplace*. Her 19-hour International Women’s Day marathon broadcasts brought her to NPR where she became the network’s first National Arts Correspondent and opened the New York News Bureau.

MEDIA LINKS: [CBS News](#) [C-SPAN](#) [The Janus Adams Show](#) [The New York Times](#) [NPR](#)

An entrepreneur, as founder of BackPax (a children’s publishing company) and Harambee (the first national book club for African American literature), she changed the publishing landscape for authors and audiences. A dynamic speaker and passionate storyteller, she is known for her unique perspectives on current events through the lens of history.

Indeed, Dr. Adams has been engaged by history and culture since childhood. A northern school desegregation pioneer at 8, she was one of the four children selected to break New York’s *de facto* segregation in the public schools in the wake of *Brown v. Board of Education*. A classically-trained pianist, she is a graduate of New York’s High School of Performing Arts. Her master’s is the nation’s first graduate degree in Black Studies. Her doctoral chair was author and composer Shirley Graham Du Bois (widow of Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, the “Father of Pan-Africanism” and co-founder of the NAACP).

Her honors include Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from Shaw University and the State University of New York.

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SELECTED TITLES

A Day for Soup and Other Morsels (audiobook, Audible.com)

Freedom Days: 365 Inspired Moments in Civil Rights History (John Wiley & Sons)

Glory Days: 365 Inspired Moments in African-American History (HarperCollins)

Sediddy: Attitude, Gratitude, and Seeing Red (book, audiobook, Myra Blanche)

Sister Days: 365 Inspired Moments in African-American Women’s History (John Wiley)

Steal Away: Escape to Freedom on the Underground Railroad (BackPax)

Way to Go: The BackPax Parents Guide to Empowering Adventurous Young Minds (BackPax)

ON THE WEB

CBS News: [On Starbucks and Race: A Profile](#)

C-SPAN: [“Conservatism vs. Progressivism: Comedy Cellar Debate”](#)

Huffington Post: [“An Open Letter to Paula Deen”](#)

NPR: [Commentaries](#)

TALKS & WORKSHOPS

“BYLINE: Janus Adams” (Hot-button issues with audience Q&A)

“Know When to Leave the Plantation”

“RACE: A Northern School Desegregation Pioneer Speaks Out”

“What Do We Tell Our Children? (empowering ‘adventurous young minds™’)

WEBSITES

www.JanusAdams.com

www.BackPaxKids.com