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Meredith Coleman McGee's scholarly book, *Billie Holiday: Jazz Singer*, is a loving and sincere reflection of the genius of Lady Day whose contributions to jazz are unparalleled. This intimate work which beautifully summarizes the struggles and accomplishments of this incredible artist...

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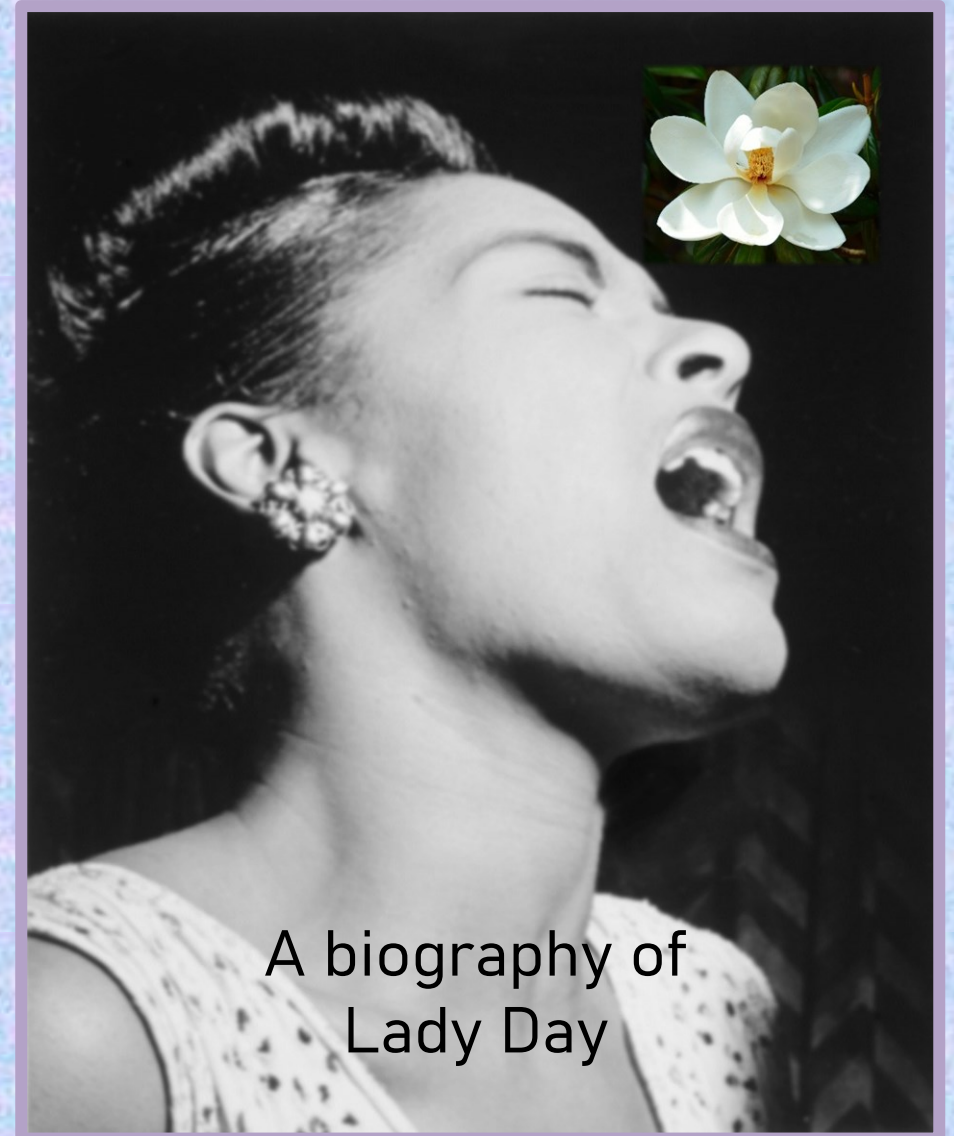
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