

## Partial List of Protest Songs:

*Oh, Freedom, post-Civil War Negro Spiritual*, 1850  
*Lift Every Voice and Sing*, James Weldon Johnson 1905  
*Alabama Song*, Kurt Weill 1925  
*Strange Fruit*, Billie Holiday 1939  
*This Land is Your Land*, Woody Guthrie, 1940  
*Sixteen Tons*, Merle Travis 1946  
*We Shall Overcome*, Pete Seeger 1948  
*Chain Gang*, Sam Cooke 1960  
*The Times They Are A-Changing*, Bob Dylan, 1964  
*Mississippi Goddam*, Nina Simone 1964  
*A Change is Gonna Come*, Sam Cooke 1965  
*Strange Fruit*, Nina Simone 1965  
*Say it Loud: I'm Black and I'm Proud*, James Brown 1968  
*Freedom Suite* 1969  
*The Revolution Will Not Be Televised*, Gil Scott Heron 1970  
*What's Going On*, Marvin Gaye 1971  
*Imagine*, John Lennon 1971  
*I'll Take You There*, The Staple Singers 1972  
*Get Up, Stand Up*, Bob Marley 1973  
*Born in the U.S.A.*, Bruce Springsteen 1984  
*Fuck the Police*, NWA 1988  
*Fight the Power*, Public Enemy, 1989  
*Killing in the Name*, Rage Against the Machine 1992  
*Revolution Arrested* Development 1992  
*To Pimp a Butterfly*, Kendrick Lamar 2015  
*Alright*, Kendrick Lamar 2015  
*The Bigger Picture* Lil Baby 2020  
*Riots: How Many Times* Trey Songz 2020  
*Rockstar* by DaBaby ft Roddy Ricch 2020

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# Billie Holiday

# Jazz Singer

By Meredith Coleman McGee

## Book Release Party



Saturday, January 27, 2024, 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

**Meredith** *Etc*

1052 Maria Court

Jackson, Mississippi 39204

Meredith Coleman McGee, Host/Author

# Program

Seating/Greeting .....3pm to 3:20 pm  
Billie Holiday music playing softly.....  
The Complete Decca Recording 1944-1950.....  
Book Talk .....3:20 to 3:40 pm  
Q&A..... open  
Reception/Photo Op.....4pm to 5pm  
Closing remarks.....5pm

## Reception Menu:

- Billie Holiday: Jazz Singer pound cake by Nichole Jones
- Ground beef meatballs glazed with pineapples and BBQ sauce.
- BBQ chicken wings
- Tuna sandwiches with dices apples
- Potato Salad
- Green salad mix croutons optional—Red wine vinaigrette & Strawberry Balsamic vinaigrette
- Sweet tea, water, drinks

## About the Author:

**MEREDITH COLEMAN MCGEE**, poet, book publisher, book collector, lecturer, résumé writer, and business owner, is the author of six full-length and seven children's books: *Billie Holiday: Jazz Singer*, *Baby Bubba and Kay*, *Juneteenth: Freedom Day*, *Every Inch Love Will*, *Midnight Moon*, *Odyssey*, *Nashida: Visits: Mississippi's Old Capitol Museum*, *James Meredith: Warrior and the America that created him*, *Nashida: Visits the Smith Robertson Museum*, *Nashida: Visits the Mississippi State Capitol*, *Married to Sin (Casada al Pecado)*, *My Picture Dictionary*, and *My First Book Series*.

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**Advance Praise for *Billie Holiday: Jazz Singer***

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## Billie Holiday facts

Eleanora Harris (Fagan /Gough)  
Born: April 7, 1915, Philadelphia, PA  
Raised: Baltimore, MD

March 5, 2020. *Time* magazine listed 1939: Billie Holiday - 100 Women of the Year.

February 26, 2021, Andra Day portrayed Billie Holiday in the biopic *The United States v. Billie Holiday*. The film was Directed by Lee Daniels. Andra Day won a Golden Globe for her performance.

March 21, 2021, The Billie Holiday Theatre was awarded the National Medal of Arts by Pres. Joe Biden.

On January 1, 2023, *Rolling Stone* magazine listed Billie Holiday as #4 on its 200 Greatest Singers of All Time list.

“No two people on earth are alike, and it’s got to be that way in music, or it isn’t music,” Billie Holiday