

Stacey Abrams. Political leader, voting rights activist, entrepreneur and author Stacey Abrams made history and captured the nation's attention as the first Black woman to become the gubernatorial nominee for a major party in any state, going on to win at the time more votes than any other Democrat in Georgia's history. After eleven years in the Georgia House of Representatives, seven as Minority Leader, Abrams became the 2018 Democratic nominee for Governor of Georgia in what was one of the most-watched and closest elections of the year. After witnessing the election's mismanagement by the Secretary of State's office, Abrams launched *Fair Fight* to ensure free and fair elections. The impact of *Fair Fight* led to Abrams being named to the [*Forbes* list of "World's Most Powerful Women In 2020."](#)

Sought-out to speak everywhere from TED, where her talk has racked up over a million views and counting, to college campuses, to the Commonwealth Club, Abrams is a powerful and passionate speaker heralded for her candid insights on politics, leadership, entrepreneurship, social justice, and being a true force for change. As *TIME* wrote of her, "***People tend to remember the first time they heard Stacey Abrams speak, and it's easy to see why.***" Abrams' *New York Times* bestselling book [*Lead from the Outside: How to Build Your Future and Make Real Change*](#), is a personal and empowering blueprint for outsiders who seek to become the ones in charge. From her experiences launching a company to running a successful political campaign, Abrams illuminates that finding what you want to fight for is as critical as knowing how to turn thought into action. Her most recent book [*Our Time is Now*](#) is a blueprint to end voter suppression and chronicles a chilling account of how the right to vote and the principles of democracy have been and continue to be under attack.

Dedicated to civic engagement, Abrams has founded multiple organizations devoted to voting rights, training and hiring young people of color, and tackling social issues at both the state and national levels. A recipient of Harvard's Institute of Politics' John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award, Abrams has also been named a "Public Official of the Year" by *Governing Magazine*.