

Faith Ringgold

Faith Ringgold is an American artist and author who became famous for innovative, quilted narrations like *Tar Beach* that communicate her political beliefs.



Faith Ringgold, painter, writer, speaker, mixed media sculptor and performance artist lives and works in Englewood, New Jersey. Ms Ringgold is professor emeritus at the University of California, San Diego where she taught art from 1987 until 2002.

Ringgold began her painting career in the 1950s after receiving her degree. She took inspiration from the writings of James Baldwin and Amiri Baraka, African art, Impressionism, and Cubism to create the works she made in the 1960s. Her early work is composed with flat figures and shapes.

