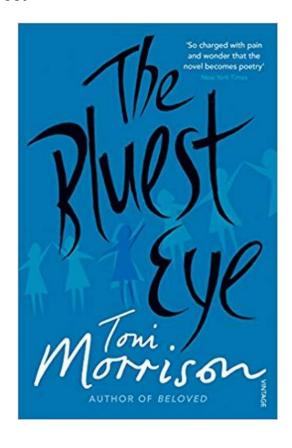


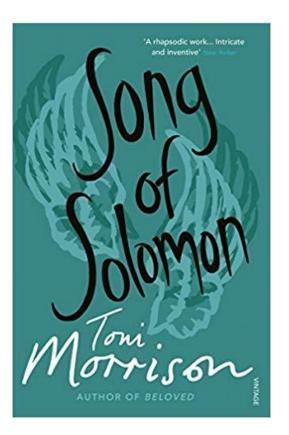
Toni Morrison was born in Ohio, USA on 18 February 1931 and she sadly passed away this August 2019 in New York aged 88.

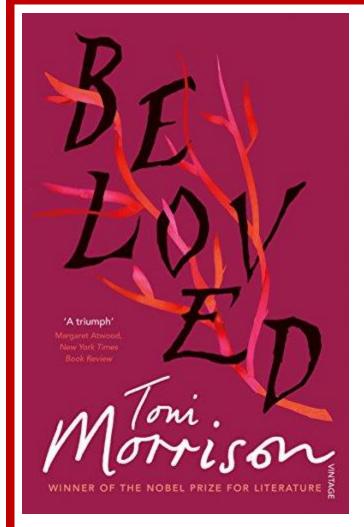
She was a very successful American novelist, essayist, editor, teacher, and professor emeritus at Princeton University and has many wonderful awards to her name.

- Her first novel, The Bluest Eye, was published in 1970.
- The critically acclaimed Song of Solomon (1977) brought her national attention and won the **National Book Critics Circle Award**.
- In 1988, she won the **Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award** for Beloved (1987).
- In 1993 Morrison was awarded the **Nobel Prize** in Literature.
- In 1996, the National Endowment for the Humanities selected her for the **Jefferson Lecture**, the U.S. federal government's highest honour for achievement in the humanities.

- Also in 1996 she was honoured with the National Book Foundation's Medal of Distinguished Contribution to American Letters.
- On May 29, 2012, President Barack Obama presented Morrison with the **Presidential Medal of Freedom.**
- In 2016, she received the **PEN/Saul Bellow Award for Achievement in American Fiction**.







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