

Darrius Garrett

Original Freedom Writer | New York Times bestselling co-author |
Motivational speaker | Author | Actor | Podcast host | Mental-health
advocate



Short biography

Darrius Garrett is an original Freedom Writer, New York Times bestselling co-author of *The Freedom Writers Diary*, motivational speaker, author, actor, podcast host and mental-health advocate. His life and writing helped inspire the character Marcus in the 2007 film *Freedom Writers*. Today he uses books, speaking, podcasts, music and screen work to educate, encourage and inspire people to see beyond where they started.

Signature message

Rewrite Your Story

Your beginning does not get the final word. Darrius combines firsthand experience, accountability, education and practical hope to help audiences move from survival toward resilience, purpose and meaningful action.

Interview and story topics

The firsthand Freedom Writers story	Youth motivation and education
Mental health, healing and hope	Homelessness, incarceration and reentry
Literacy and student voice	Faith, survival and service
Storytelling and purpose-driven creativity	Turning lived experience into service

Selected credits

New York Times bestselling co-author, *The Freedom Writers Diary*

Co-writer, 20th Anniversary Edition of *The Freedom Writers Diary*

Life and writing helped inspire Marcus in *Freedom Writers* (2007)

Featured in Freedom Writers documentaries and television coverage

Host, *Fuel for the Soul* and *What's the Chatter?*

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