Nikki Giovanni

* known for being both outspoken and honest
* controversial, lyrical, empowering, and personal
* proud African-American
	+ a daughter, a mother, and an educator
	+ wrote over two dozen books
		- poetry
		- illustrated children's books
		- essays
	+ Awards
	+ 22 honorary doctorate
	+ NAACP Image Award for Literature
	+ 2003 Grammy nomination
	+ Named "Woman of the Year" by Ebony, Mademoiselle, and Ladies Home Journal.
	+ 1st recipient of the Rosa Parks Women of Courage Award